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Driver Ken Merry with one of the classic buses

Family trips celebrate museum's 50th

It's a great life on the buses!

By George Welch

DOZENS of vintage transport enthusiasts hopped aboard classic buses as the Oxford Bus Museum celebrated its golden anniversary.

On bank holiday Monday the museum, based in Long Hanborough, operated four of its preserved buses on three different routes from the museum to Oxford Parkway rail station, Witney Market Place and Woodstock.

Buses departed the museum every 20 minutes, offering enthusiasts and families the opportunity to enjoy the sights and sounds of a bygone era of public transport across Oxfordshire.

It was in 1967 – the so called summer of love – when a group of then young, bus enthusiasts grouped together to buy their first vintage bus – an ex-City of Oxford Motor Services 1949 AEC Regal III.

This year marks 50 years since the classic bus was bought – and it's still roadworthy.

Jonathan Radley, one of the museum's directors, said: "The whole family enjoy a vintage bus ride. For parents and grandparents it's an opportunity to re-live their youth. For youngsters it's a chance to travel around Oxfordshire as we used to in the 1950s and 1960s, when buses had conductors that issued paper tickets and shouted 'hold tight please!' as the bus lurched into motion."

The oldest bus in service on Monday dated back to 1957. It has the traditional half-cab design with the engine at the front and the famous open platform at the rear.

One of the first one-person-operated single decker's introduced in 1960 ran to Woodstock.

The museum's 1961 Dennis Loline – nicknamed Dennis the Menace – was also in action, along with the last half-cab double deck bus bought for use in Oxford 50 years ago in 1967.

All four buses proudly wore the traditional City of Oxford Motor Services colours of burgundy, dark red and duck egg blue.

Bus fans mark the golden anniversary

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Fighting to win your vote

Candidates reveal issues they hope will win them a seat on June 8

Henley

Patrick Gray, The Radical Party

I will serve as a hard-working and trustworthy MP; for the highest standards of Parliamentary integrity; protect security and prosperity through an open, knowledge-based economy and collaboration with partners abroad; fund the NHS and education properly; and fight to tackle climate change.

Robin Bennett, Green

My priorities are housing and the natural environment. We're campaigning for the right kind of houses, in the right place, and at the right price. I'll push for a second referendum on the terms of the EU exit and for proper funding for our NHS, policing, social care, and public services.

Oliver Kavanagh, Labour

I will fight for increases in education funding to attract the best staff, maintain facilities and encourage every pupil to achieve. We will join up services from home to hospital with properly integrated national health and social care. We have to provide affordable homes for families to build their lives.

Laura Coyle, Liberal Democrat

I oppose school funding cuts, the abolition of free primary school lunches, and the introduction of new grammar schools. We need better funding for NHS and social care.

Homes should be more affordable and I want to safeguard the local economy by opposing a Hard Brexit.

John Howell, Conservative

I want the right the Brexit deal so as to define our future, our place in the world, our economic security and our future prosperity.

I have a track record of effective work to support key services. I also have work in progress in areas such as education funding, health and planning.

Wantage

Rachel Eden, Labour

I would work for a fair and sustainable approach so elderly and disabled people can live dignified and fulfilling lives.

The focus of the Brexit negotiations must be jobs, rights at work and the environment. We must protect vital industries like Harwell and Culham which rely on European cooperation.

Ed Vaizey, Conservative

New housing has to be in the right place, and I will work to ensure we have the infrastructure to support it.

I want to see safety improvements on the A34 and will be seeking funding to make this happen. I want to ensure as we leave the EU we support research and tech investment.

Sue Roberts, Green

Greens aim to let nature flourish by linking natural areas; so that our wildest places and urban green spaces are rich in animal and plant-life.

The Conservative Party have ripped up our planning laws. Private interests decide on what, where, and when houses should be built.

Chris Carrigan, Liberal Democrat

Our local economy is critically linked to European co-operation and partnership.

As a trained scientist, I believe we need somebody in Parliament who understands science and technology and who will speak up for what our local economy needs.

Banbury

Victoria Prentis, Conservative

I want to protecting services at the Horton and improve GP provision.

I want north Oxfordshire to remain a business centre, well-placed to make the most of the opportunities to come from Brexit. I will continue to fight for schools funding and deliver investment in our infrastructure.

John Howson, Liberal Democrat

This election is about two issues: our public services (the NHS and schools) and our place in the world.

The Horton and other hospitals are under threat and there are plans to cut funds to schools meaning possible closure. Under the Tories, people pay for social care, even in their own homes.

Ian Middleton, Green

My top priority is to defend our NHS and social care and stop the loss of crucial services at the Horton. I'm concerned about the lack of genuinely affordable housing for people on average incomes and I would like to see a vote on the terms of our exit from the EU.

Sean Woodcock, Labour

I will fight for decent homes, more teachers and smaller class sizes, for a properly equipped Horton Hospital and social care.

I will fight for local jobs and opportunities and put our local economy first. Jobs, services and infrastructure promised have not been delivered.

Dickie Bird, UKIP

The government must know that if Brexit is softened then UKIP will hold them to account.

UKIP have proven that we do not necessarily need to hold office to change government policy for the better, and a vote for UKIP will ensure this continues.

Let's keep the pressure on.

Roseanne Edwards, Independent

With support for our hospital, NHS and public services and an honest voice on retaining EU protections, I will, as an Independent, make a significant difference.

People will change their voting pattern for something this important. As an Independent I will represent Banbury free of restrictions.

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Troubled health trust gets a new chairman

A NEW chairman has been appointed to a crisis-hit health trust as it continues its 'journey of improvement'.

Lynne Hunt has been named as the chairman of Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust after an extensive recruitment process and will begin the role on July 3.

With almost 40 years public service, Ms Hunt has been working within mental health services in the NHS and has also held a number of clinical and board level roles, including vice chair of Dorset Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust.

Ms Hunt said: "I'm delighted to have been given this opportunity.

"My focus has always been on improving patient care and delivering quality services that fit the needs of all patients and service users, and so I believe my experience and clinical background will be invaluable in building on the good progress already made at the Trust.

"Southern Health has been on a journey in recent years, and I see my appointment as being an important next step as the Trust continues on this journey of improvement.

"With this new leadership and a board of newly-appointed non-executive directors we can influence and develop a culture of change and improvement that will benefit staff and patients, aspiring for excellence at every opportunity. I look forward to this new role, and the future, with optimism."

Alan Yates, interim chair of Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust, said: "[Lynne] has a tremendous background of service improvement as a clinical manager, as an executive director and more recently as a senior non-executive director.

"Her skill, experience and humanity I am sure will mean that the Board will be well led and in turn the Trust and its services will be well led."

Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust is currently being prosecuted by the Health & Safety Executive over the death of Connor Sparrowhawk who drowned in a bath at Slade House in Headington in 2013.

It is also being investigated by the CQC for a death in Hampshire.

Enjoying a day down on the farm

FARMING skills old and new were showcased at the annual county show at the weekend.

The Oxfordshire Young Farmers County Show at Little Wittenham's Earth Trust hosted the largest rural youth clubs in the UK on Sunday.

The show raises money to keep Oxfordshire's Young Farmers clubs running for people dedicated to a love for agriculture and rural life.

The Young Farmers competed in more than 100 competitions on the day, and showcased new farming skills such as mini digger handling and safety to domestic classes such as cookery and flower arranging, as well as fun classes such as blind fold cake decorating and obstacle races.

There were also tug of war finals, a display of various tractors and farm machinery throughout the ages, a motorcycle display and more.

There was also a display of floats pulled by tractors, all following this year's theme of 'around the world'.

Andy Grant, Oxfordshire County Show Committee chairman: "The show was a great success, we were able to show Oxfordshire what a great organisation Young Farmers is. Lots of local businesses came along to support us.

"We were very impressed with the competition entries from the Young Farmers clubs this year.

"It was great to see members of the public taking part in competitions too and showing them the diversity of skills involved in agriculture."

Man admits murder in garden

By Eva Astreinidou

A MAN who stabbed his victim multiple times in broad daylight has confessed to murder.

Egidio Da Silva Alves, 28, admitted murdering 35-year-old Domingos Romalho who died from stab wounds in February.

Mr Romalho, of Wharton Road, Headington, died after being knifed several times in his chest and abdomen.

He was rushed to the John Radcliffe Hospital after he was found injured in Windmill Road, Headington, on February 13.

His condition deteriorated and he died the next day.

Alves was remanded in custody when he appeared at Oxford Crown Court on Thursday last week and is due to appear before the court for sentencing on June 23.

Alves, of The Slade, Oxford, bumped into the victim Domingos Romalho, whom he knew, at a bookmakers' in London Road, Headington, at around 2.30pm on February 13.

The two men had a brief conversation before Alves left the store and went to a nearby hardware shop where he bought a large kitchen knife, before following the victim in to Windmill Road.

There, he made a phone call asking a friend to look after his child. When asked why, he said: "I am going to kill him."

Members of the public subsequently witnessed an altercation between the pair and Alves attacked Domingos in a garden.

Members of the public intervened and disarmed Alves and provided first aid to Domingos, who had sustained severe injuries.

Alves was arrested at the scene and charged with murder on February 15.

Senior investigating officer Detective Inspector Dave Hubbard, from Thames Valley Police's Major Crime unit, said the public acted courageously to intervene.

He said: "Alves brutally murdered Romalho in public, during the day time on a busy Oxford street in front of terrified members of the public including children.

"This was a horrific incident and, while we would never advise that members of the public risk their own safety to intervene in such situations, they acted courageously.

"I am pleased that Alves has recognised the severity of his actions and pleaded guilty to the murder of Domingos Romalho to prevent the victim's family from enduring further anguish by having to go through a trial.

Egidio Da Silva Alves

"I hope the conviction helps to enable them to move forward from this deeply distressing time in their lives."

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Housing fraud

BARFORD ST MICHAEL: A woman has been convicted of fraud after renting a housing association home at the same time as letting out her own property.

Ella Street, of Church Street, applied for council housing in 2014 while failing to disclose that she owned a property in Daventry.

She admitted making a false statement and failing to disclose information.

Street was given a 16-week prison sentence suspended for 18 months and a supervision order at Banbury Magistrates Court.

The 31-year-old was able to obtain the housing association property at Dashwood Terrace, Middle Barton, through West Oxfordshire District Council.

Street was also ordered to pay costs of £500 and a victim surcharge of £115. She has now been evicted from the housing association property.

Family playtime

CARTERTON: A fun-filled event to build stronger community ties through play is returning this year.

Oxfordshire Play Association will host a range of playful activities designed to keep families and children physically active, healthy and well at Alvescot Road recreation ground on June 17.

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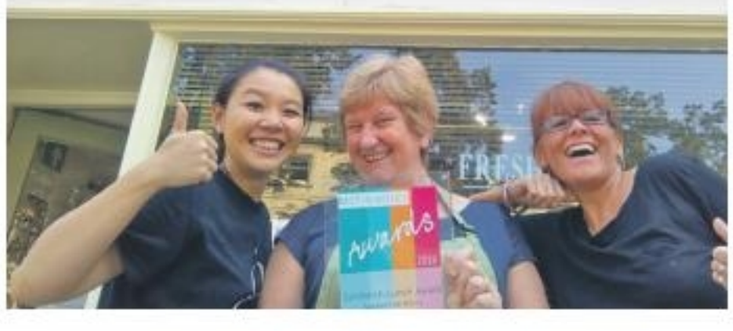

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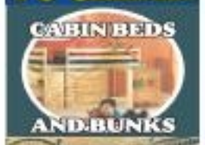

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Take part in Queen Street experiment

Plan to ban buses and taxis

By George Welch

HAVE your say on a proposed 'experimental' 18-month ban on buses and taxis from using a major city centre route.

Queen Street was used exclusively by pedestrians between June and November last year during part of the Westgate Shopping Centre redevelopment.

And a consultation, launched last Thursday, outlines a plan to close it again to all vehicles to make it safer for cyclists and pedestrians.

A decision is expected in July and the trial could be in place in October.

The Oxfordshire County Council consultation also covers potential improvements to city centre junctions and bus stops, and new arrangements for loading in St Aldates and High Street.

Susan Halliwell, county council director for planning and place, said: "Investment and growth in Oxford means more people coming to the city and using the roads.

"The things we are proposing are designed to improve capacity and safety.

"We recognise that the bus companies had concerns over what was included in the 2016 proposals and so we have made revisions taking into account what they said and we will remain in discussion with them throughout this process."

She added: "The experimental order for Queen Street is just that – it would be a test of how it works in practice and the opportunity for people to have a say."

Oxford City Council "strongly supports" the proposals and the county council has worked closely with partners impacted by the trial run.

Stagecoach Oxfordshire managing director Martin Sutton added his bus company is "keen to arrive at a solution that will deliver the most suitable arrangements for our passengers in Oxford".

Should the trial get the green light, comments can be made at any time during the first six months.

Phil Southall, managing director of Oxford Bus Company, said his firm has "a strong relationship" with the county council and will feedback their observations.

The consultation closes on June 23 and can be viewed online at oxfordshire.gov.uk/consultation or in person at County Hall.

Going where no telescope has gone before

OXFORD University scientists are working on the world's largest optical telescope in a mission to 'explore the unknown' of the universe.

The ELT will have the ability to simultaneously take 4,000 images and will enable scientists to form a detailed picture of the evolution of objects in the universe.

It was unveiled in northern Chile last week near the site of the future project which is set for completion in 2024.

Oxford University scientists designed and constructed an instrument within the device called HARMONI.

Niranjan Thatte, principal investigator for HARMONI and Professor of Astrophysics at Oxford's department of physics, said: "For me, the ELT represents a big leap forward in capability, and that means that we will use it to find many interesting things about the universe that we have no knowledge of today.

"It is the element of 'exploring the unknown' that most excites me about the ELT. It will be an engineering feat, and its sheer size and light grasp will dwarf all other telescopes that we have built to date."

The ELT (extremely large telescope) will be built by the European Southern Observatory (ESO) and will feature a main mirror that measures 39 metres in diameter – it will be set atop a 3,046-metre mountain in Chile.

A time capsule, created by members of the ESO team and sealed at the event, will serve as a lasting memory of the research and the 'scale of ambition' behind it.

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Tomas King got to 'drive' a bus and go through the wash

Tomas is King of the road!

A five-year-old bus fanatic enjoyed a VIP tour after his mother wrote to a bus company telling them of his passion for all things buses.

Tomas King, from Kidlington, was invited to the Stagecoach depot in Cowley on Tuesday to look around the buses.

Since his grandma in Ecuador bought him some model buses, Tomas's interest has grown so much that his mother Paulina King decided to get in touch with the local bus operator.

Paulina said: "Tomas follows all the bus numbers and routes in and around Oxford. He notices when anything changes on the services and knows what time some of the buses go. He is a big fan."

She added: "When we told Tomas that we were taking him to the depot for a VIP day he was so excited. He immediately started writing down lots of questions to ask."

During his visit Tomas got a tour of the depot, and sat in the driver's seat of a double decker.

He also met Paul Green, a Stagecoach driving instructor, and he even got his own special VIP ride on the bus.

Karen Coventry, business development manager at Stagecoach in Oxfordshire, said: "It was lovely to meet Tomas today to show him 'behind the scenes' and tell him all about our fleet of buses. We hope to see him again here one day."

Help find escapee cat Jangles – last seen on the run beside M40

By Barbara Fisher

A PSYCHOLOGY teacher has been left devastated after her much-loved pet bolted out of her camper van when she pulled over on to the hard shoulder of the M40.

Zoe Meakins, who teaches at a sixth form college in Surrey, was on her way to Wales where she is returning to live at the end of the summer term.

Zoe had collected Jangles, the 10-year-old ginger tom she has had since he was a kitten, from her parents in Uxbridge on Thursday, where they had been looking after him.

She said: "I put him in his new cat box and my dad and I both checked that it was secure before I set off. Jangles has journeyed between Surrey, Wales and Uxbridge many times before with no problem.

"However, when I was nearly at Junction 10 (Cherwell Valley) he somehow escaped from his cat box. I don't know who was more surprised by his Houdini trick. Him or me.

"I had to make a quick decision as I knew it would be very dangerous to continue to drive with him loose in the van."

Zoe pulled over and prepared to secure him again, quickly sliding

the door open so she could scramble in the back to calm him and get to him more easily.

She said: "To my horror – and it only took a split second – he shot out of the door.

"Maybe he thought he had arrived home, but, sitting at the top of a steep grassy bank he was clearly as shocked as me as to what had happened and was getting freaked out by the noise of the traffic. I called him and called him but he was frozen to the spot and wouldn't budge."

Zoe cannot praise the Highway Patrol men who arrived to help enough. They alerted the traffic by flashing 'Animal in Road' above the motorway and then tried to coax Jangles back to the van. He became more frightened and eventually bolted in the direction of some woodland.

Zoe, her parents, and her in-laws who live in Chalgrove, as well as friends from Amersham, have spent the past few days scouring the countryside around the area, particularly the village of Fritwell where he is most likely to go.

Zoe said: "Everyone in the area has been so brilliant and helpful. Jangles is a lovely cat and I miss him so much. He does not have a collar but is microchipped so can be easily traced back to us. My grandad was in the prisoner of war camp Stalag Luft III in World War Two and helped with the Great Escape, so perhaps it runs in the family.

"Please please get in touch if you see him or are looking after him. He loves people and is very trusting and friendly but we really, desperately want him home. He is part of our family and we miss him so much."

If you have any information about Jangles call Zoe on 07534 107773 or her husband Nick on 07904 274879.

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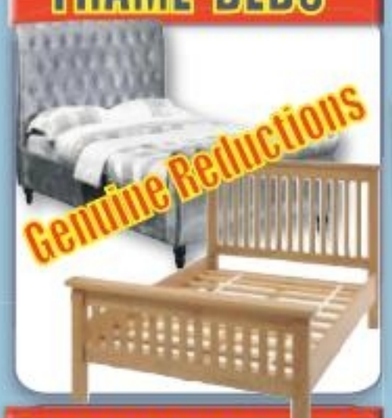

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The cubs keep an eye on mum and their birthday gifts

BIRTHDAYS are fun whatever your age as this proud parent showed when his three cubs celebrated their first year.

Kali, Sita and Sonia marked their birthday by getting their teeth stuck into some meaty presents – once they'd tackled the wrapping paper.

Mum and dad Kanha and Rana couldn't resist joining in the fun too as Cotswold Wildlife Park marked the birthday of its first Asiatic lion triplets on Thursday last week.

Hayley Mullaney, section head of large mammals at Cotswold Wildlife Park, said: "We are extremely proud of our beautiful lion cubs. To see them grow in the past year and watch them develop is amazing - it makes our jobs as keepers so rewarding.

"Initially, they were very funny and hesitant about the new boxes in their enclosure. In the end, their father Rana had to show them how it was done but the cubs loved playing with the boxes afterwards."

The pair made history with the birth, as the cubs were the first lion triplets to be born at the park since it opened in 1970.

Rana and Kanha formed an instant bond when they were introduced in 2014.

Last year on May 25, Kanha gave birth to the cubs in the park's birthing den.

Asiatic Lions are one of the world's rarest big cat species, and are considered to be vulnerable to extinction.

'Brain drain' fears at uncertainty of Brexit

BREXIT 'uncertainty' could lead to a 'brain drain' for UK employers, according to immigration experts.

An Abingdon-based firm has revealed that around 40,000 people, mainly EU citizens, left the UK from 2015 to December 2016.

Milton Park firm Migrate UK says this is due to political uncertainty for EU citizens, and warns that some sectors will be experiencing further labour shortage.

Managing director Jonathan Beech said: "Until the Government ends uncertainty among EU citizens by guaranteeing rights to remain in the UK after Brexit we are likely to see a continuation of these trends, and potentially the start of a Brexit 'brain drain' from the UK.

"Sectors like retail, manufacturing, health and food services, are suffering skills and labour shortages, with more than a quarter of employers predicting that their EU workers could leave their jobs and the UK this year.

"A Brexit 'brain drain' is particularly likely in the IT, finance and engineering sectors, but this could be swiftly averted if the new elected government guarantees their approach for EU nationals and their right to work during and after the Brexit process, while providing a workable solution for employers who rely heavily on skills from outside the UK.

"Political reassurance would reduce panic."

Layla Moran, Liberal Democrat candidate for Oxford West and Abingdon, said: "I have heard specific stories around the constituency of people leaving or actively looking to leave, not least at Joint European Torus (JET) in Culham where there is the double whammy of both the refusal of the government to guarantee EU citizens' rights and the unnecessary decision to leave Euratom."

Nicola Blackwood, Conservative candidate for Oxford West and Abingdon, said: "Ensuring we are able to attract the brightest and the best is a top priority as we go in to Brexit negotiations as is securing the rights of EU nationals in the UK as well as British citizens in the EU, and these are key priorities for me as I fight for the best deal for our area.

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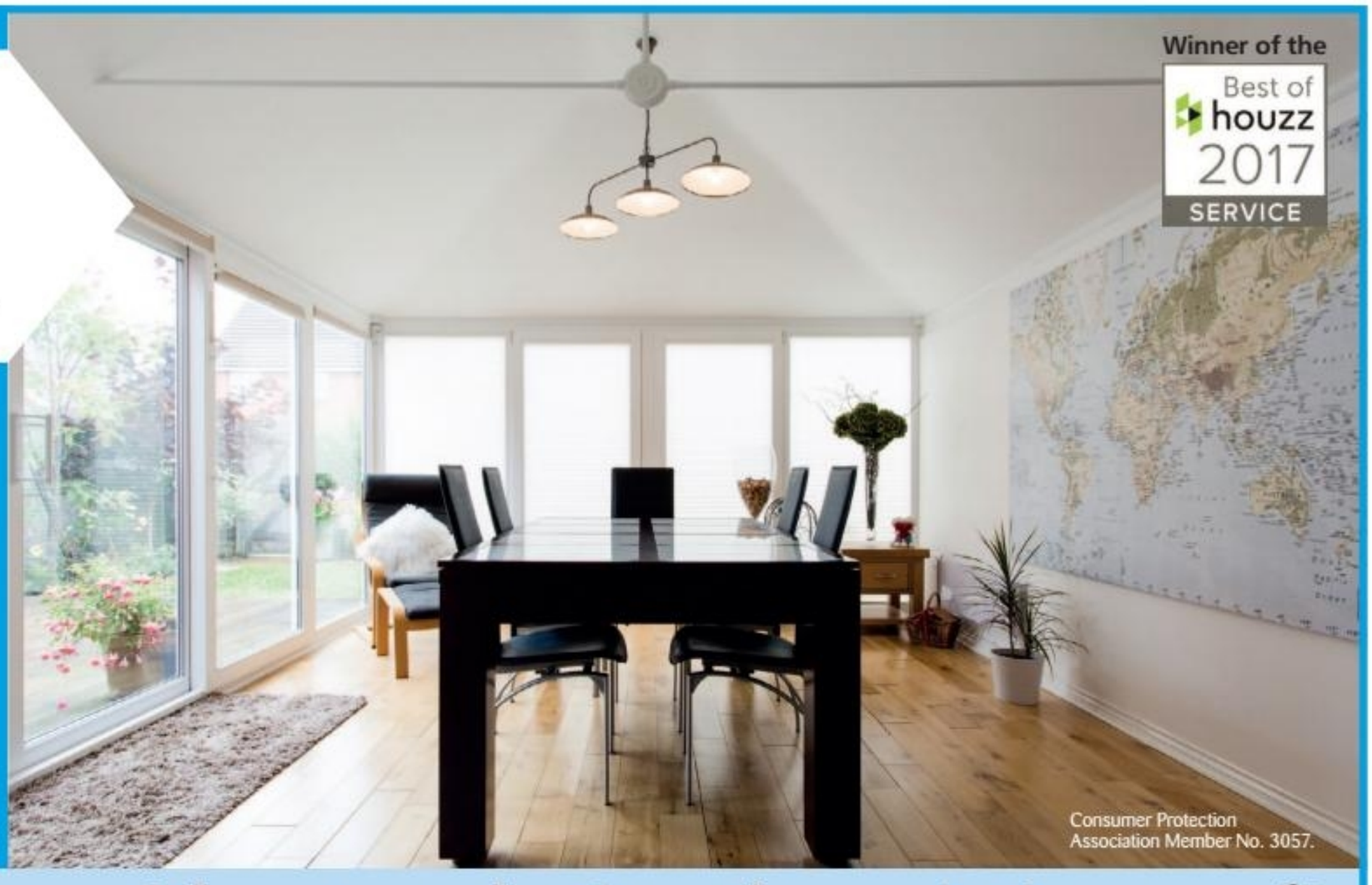

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Factory blaze

Workers were evacuated from the Jacobs Douwe Egberts (JDE) factory in Banbury on Saturday night after a major blaze broke out.

Firefighters were called out just before midnight to the site in Ruscote Avenue.

Staff were evacuated and production was shut down while the fire was brought under control No one was injured.

JDE thanked the Oxfordshire County Council Fire and Rescue Service for their fast actions.

Show day looms

Final preparations are under way for the Banbury and District Show.

The free event, staged in Spiceball Park on Sunday, June 11, will offer a host of activities.

The action will take place across two arenas and includes displays by motorcycle daredevils Stunt Mania, while horses, dogs and ferrets will provide four-legged entertainment.

The second arena will feature music, dancing and drama. Taking to the stage will be a host of groups including the Implexa Dance Company, the Danielle Buick Academy of Theatre Arts, and Stagecoach Performing Arts.

Thousands of scouts flock to Blenheim for fun at OxonJam

By Eva Astreinidou

MORE than 4,500 youngsters flocked to a camping and scouting event over spring bank holiday weekend.

Young scouts had the chance to join in high-octane activities at OxonJam and make new friends as part of the largest gathering of scouts in the country.

The scouts camped in the grounds of Blenheim Palace with thousands of their counterparts from across the UK and around the world, including Australia, Kenya, Bosnia and Germany.

They enjoyed everything from abseiling to zorbing, and also took part in raising awareness for good causes in their global community through charities such as WaterAid, Oxfam and The Guide Dogs for The Blind Association.

Paul Thompson, who led the 1,000 strong crew of adult volunteers for the event, said: "We were so excited to welcome Scouts from across Oxfordshire, around the UK and overseas to create lasting memories and international friendships."

Tom Brackerridge from 40th Oxford Scouts got to be a DJ

Twelve-year-old Tom Brackerridge, from 40th Oxford Scout Group, got to test out his DJ skills by being trained up by the on-site JamFM radio team.

Tom said: "I love doing all the interactive stuff and getting involved. OxonJam has given me so many different opportunities to meet up with young people my age and make new friends".

Explorer Scout Hazel Loadman, 14, said: "I had been looking forward to OxonJam for ages. I tried out a load of new exciting activities and I made friends with other scouts from other countries and learnt about how they live."

Yarnton Scouts got to check out a fire engine

Seven-year-old Beaver Scout, Griffynn Isaksen, said: "I had an amazing time doing loads of activities."

Griffynn's mum, Madeleine, who is a Beaver Scout leader, said: "It's great to bring my Beavers to this event. They get so much out of it."

Becca Underwood, head of charities and community impact at the event, which is held every four years, and one of the adult volunteer leaders from Bicester, said: "We were working on this year's event for the past two years to make sure that the young people had the time of their lives.

"Of course, none of this would be possible without the support and leadership of the huge numbers of adults who give their time."

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Tickets now on sale for Play2Give's charity ball

TICKETS for Play2Give's biggest event of the year celebrating its 10th anniversary are on sale.

The big-hearted organisation, which has raised more than £50,000 for local charities over the last decade, will host its first gala ball at Didcot Civic Hall on September 29.

The event will mark both the Didcot-based fundraising group's and one of its main benefactors – the Oxford Children's Hospital's – 10th anniversary.

P2G co-founder Andy Baker said: "It is unbelievable to think that P2G has reached a decade.

"In this time we have worked incredibly hard and campaigned tirelessly to raise funds – all of which has changed, transformed and saved thousands of lives from young and old.

"We are looking forward to celebrating and toasting to the success of both our work as a group, and that of the successful decade of the amazing children's hospital, while raising money for two incredible charities that mean so much to me personally."

Funds raised will go towards P2G's main benefactors, Oxford Children's Hospital at the John Radcliffe Hospital and brain injury charity Headway Oxfordshire.

This year P2G wants to raise £10,000 for Headway and as much as possible towards Oxford Children's Hospital's £2million campaign for parent accommodation, a play area and medical equipment.

Co-organiser James Hart, also a town councillor and owner of Delicious of Wantage & Didcot, said he is "proud to support such a wonderful fundraising organisation".

He said: "I feel strongly about supporting local groups and seeing local money go into local charity groups is the right thing to do.

"Andy has never stopped and we should all be in awe of him as a young person that the whole town of Didcot and beyond can be proud of."

If successful, the ball could be a biennial event in P2G's growing events calendar.

To purchase or to reserve tickets, email play2give@hotmail.com or call organiser Sarah Dawson, of I Want It All Wedding Hire, on 07917 417343.

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Get stuck in with wildlife at Oxford nature festival

Neil Clennell from the Wildlife Trust gives a talk

Fiona Tavner really gets into bee-ing close to nature

By George Welch

TWO weeks of 'non-stop fun' begins today as the 2017 Oxford Festival of Nature promises to be the 'best ever'.

The celebration of all things environmental involves more nature and wildlife events across the city and the county than ever before.

Organisers Berks, Bucks and Oxon Wildlife Trust (BBOWT) said dozens of attractions, including 'dragons, wolves, bees, ugly animals, a trip to Northern Mozambique and a treasure hunt', would make it a festival to remember.

Neil Clennell, the Wildlife Trust's director of conservation and education for Oxfordshire, said he has been looking forward to welcoming thousands of people to more than 60 events.

He said: "This is a unique festival that brings together the people of Oxford and the fascinating wildlife that lives alongside us here in our green city.

"Our main event on Saturday is the Wild Fair at the Museum of Natural History.

"This is a great way of showcasing the work of the wildlife groups of Oxford."

The festival, which runs until June 14, is organised in conjunction with Oxford City Council and the Oxford University Museum of Natural History.

There will be fun for all the family at the Spindleberry Dragon Nature Park in Blackbird Leys, pond-dipping on a night-time safari at Sutton Courtenay environmental education centre near Didcot, and wild flower walks taking place on Oxford Meadows.

Comedy act The Ugly Animal Preservation Society, who will be performing at the Museum of Natural History on June 10, will bring the laughs by asking people to nominate stand-up comedians to champion ugly endangered species.

The group said: "The panda gets too much attention – Oxford needs a minging mascot, one to rival the cute and cuddly emblems of many charities and organisations."

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By Samantha McGregor

PARALYMPIC swimmer Ellie Simmonds visited school children to lead a very special PE lesson.

She spent the morning at Heyford Park Free School talking to youngsters about the importance of being active and eating healthily.

Ellie, a five-time Paralympic Champion and world record holder, also passed on tips about being active and showed-off her gold medals.

The school at Heyford Park, near Bicester, won Ellie's visit as part of a competition prize through the Sainsbury's Active Kids scheme.

Before she started the PE lessons, Ellie, who has Achondroplasia dwarfism, was the guest of honour in school assembly.

She talked to children about her life, the importance of healthy lifestyles and answered questions from both primary and secondary students.

Ellie, who is an Active Kids ambassador, then ran a "tough PE lesson" with 20 pupils and taught them a range of skills to help them keep active.

She said: "It's a privilege to be able to go into schools across the UK, as part of my role as Sainsbury's Active Kids ambassador, and speak to them about the importance of good nutrition and keeping active.

"I loved hosting the PE lesson and showing the pupils some of the fun and different exercises they can do to keep active inside and outside of school time."

Ellie won her first Paralympic medal when she was 13 and became the youngest person to win the BBC Young Sports Personality of the Year in 2008 and then the youngest recipient of an MBE at the age of 14.

She started swimming at the age of five and competing against able-bodied children at the age of eight.

When she was 10 she was spotted by a talent scout and joined the British Swimming talent programme.

Now in its 12th year, Sainsbury's Active Kids programme donates money to schools and clubs across the UK for sports and cookery equipment.

Paralympian Ellie Simmonds gave a PE class to the children

Make new friends and join in with Oxford Big Tea Party this month

TWO charities inspired by the legacy of a murdered MP are inviting elderly people to a tea party to help combat loneliness.

Pensioners have been offered the opportunity to meet new friends in a relaxed, community environment at The Oxford Big Tea Party on June 16.

The event is part of the national Great Get Together campaign inspired by Labour MP Jo Cox's commitment to bringing communities together, and is being held on the anniversary of her death.

According to Oxford-based charities Aspire and Cutteslowe Community Association, thousands of elderly people live alone and loneliness is a major risk to their health and wellbeing.

Paul Roberts, chief executive officer at Aspire, described isolation in the elderly as a "critical issue for our community".

The charities help take elderly residents for shopping, social and hospital trips.

Aspire's Our Community Transport service currently helps 149 elderly passengers.

Mr Roberts said: "Ninety-two per cent of our own community transport passengers live alone, and 58 per cent of them wouldn't be able to leave their homes without our bus service.

"But these local transport services are under threat of closure in the coming months, leaving elderly people extremely vulnerable.

"So this event is a vital opportunity to come together as a community and raise both funds and awareness to keep these local transport services going."

Funds raised will go towards maintaining the charities' community transport services which "are a lifeline for local elderly passengers suffering from loneliness".

The tea party will take place at Cutteslowe Community Centre from 1pm to 3pm.

Oxfordshire businesses and clubs are invited to support the event by sponsoring a table or a place at the table.

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	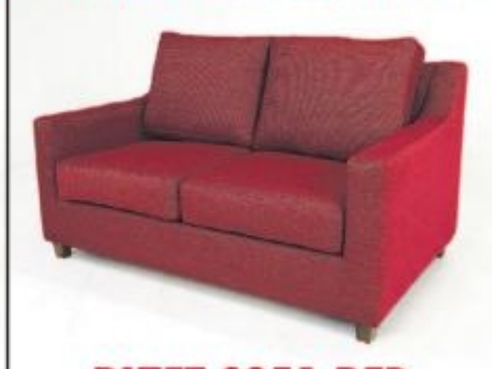
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Get behind the Big Build appeal to aid disabled children

By Samantha McGregor

A BANBURY charity that supports disabled children has launched a £70,000 fundraising appeal.

The Let's Play Project want to raise the money to renovate their new centre in Twyford, near Banbury.

It is now urging residents to get behind the Big Build appeal and help raise the cash.

The charity currently supports 100 disabled young people, aged five to 25, and their families across the region by providing play and leisure sessions enabling them to join in activities like their non-disabled peers, make new friends; develop key social skills and access opportunities.

The sessions, which the charity runs, provide respite for the families and carers of the disabled children and young people.

Let's Play has recently acquired a new bigger premises allowing them to welcome even more disabled children and young people.

They plan to move into the new centre in September, but the site "urgently" needs to be brought up to scratch first.

Charity manager Deborah Kerrison said: "Let's Play is at the heart of the local community, we have been supporting families in the area who have a disabled child since 2011.

"However, we want and need to do more. We know that there are more disabled children in the area who could benefit from our services and so we are moving to new, bigger premises so we are able to extend our support to them.

"We also want to extend our service to support families of younger pre-school children and those over 18, creating a safe, inspiring, fun and nurturing environment that can be enjoyed by all, those we currently support and those we wish to in the future, is crucial.

"But we need help to do this and we are really hoping the local community will support the 'Let's Play Big-Build' Appeal and help us realise our dreams.

"With a bigger and better space, we will be able to offer the youngsters so much more."

One parent, who did not want to be named, has added her voice to the appeal. She said: "Our kids can't join in with any of the regular activities that other children enjoy, so Let's Play is their whole social life.

"It is where Ed can meet and play with the other children he knows and gives him a chance to make new friends. It is so precious to see him take part in something other than at home or school."

People are urged to help raise cash or donate materials, particularly from the building, construction and DIY industry.

On Friday, July 14, The Mills Art Centre will host Stand Up For Let's Play, a night of comedy to raise cash for the charity's appeal.

Anyone who can help should go to letsplaybanbury.org.

From left, the team front row are: Zach Goddarn, Aodhan Perrott, Billy Watkin, Max Marsh, Connor Courtney, William Cherry, Elliot Tilling, Alex Ray and Conor Horan, with team managers Dan Watkin and Rich Tilling and Tesco Faringdon service manager Martin Webb and community champion Alice Teasdale

Faringdon youth team scores brand new kit thanks to town superstore

THE first big win of the football season went to a junior team from Faringdon after netting new kits and jackets.

Faringdon Town Under-8's, who play at Tucker Park, will take to the pitch in their new jerseys given to them by the town's Tesco store.

Coach Dan Watkin said the team is "extremely grateful" for the new kits.

He added: "The players were all really excited about getting the new kit and I am sure they will enjoy playing in it."

Martyn Webb, services manager of the Faringdon Tesco store, and community champion Alice Teasdale visited the club to officially hand over the kit.

The football club, which has 10 youth teams, is a two-minute walk from the Park Road store.

Store manager Guy Bexon said his staff are "keen to engage with and help support our local community".

He added: "Faringdon Town Football Club does a tremendous amount to encourage youth football in the area and we are delighted to be able to support it in this way."

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Closing date: Sunday, July 16

Live music is one of the Classic's popular attractions. The Bootleg Beatles are topping the line-up on Friday while Saturday's bill includes former Spandau Ballet front-man Tony Hadley.

But the entertainment doesn't stop there. A vintage funfair, air displays, hot air balloons, streetcar shoot-outs, 4x4 passenger experiences, Spitfire demonstrations, crazy golf, a huge shopping village, an adrenaline zone and a live eBay restoration are all included in the cost of admission.

Indeed, all tickets include free entrance to racing paddocks, trackside grandstands plus the live music concerts and many of the activities. Adult admission is from just £43 and full details can be found on the www.silverstoneclassic.com website.

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This June, find out just how you could become the proud owner of your own at the UK's leading show for park and leisure homes. Stoneleigh Park will be transformed into a Leisure Park giving visitors a real insight into the relaxed park lifestyle they too can achieve.

Open to the general public from 9th to 11th June, the annual World of Park and Leisure Homes Show will see some of the industry's top experts exhibiting alongside a display of OVER 55 leisure and park homes to view inside and out! from 18 Major UK Manufacturers - it's a show not to be missed!

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Quick Clues Across

4 Entertains (6)
8 Wildly excited (7)
10 Shorten (7)
11 Distribute (5)
12 Kind of boat (5)
13 Stripping (9)
16 Stars (9)
19 Rule (5)
20 Superior (5)
22 Chewed (7)
23 Provided with (7)
24 Slumbers (6)

Quick Clues Down

1 Frightened (6)
2 Letters (4)
3 Political wisdom (13)
5 Fairground attractions (5-2-6)
6 Tempters (8)
7 Perspires (6)
9 Desert plants (5)
14 Discrepancy (8)
15 Vagrants (6)
17 Business (5)
18 Step (6)
21 Pledge (4)

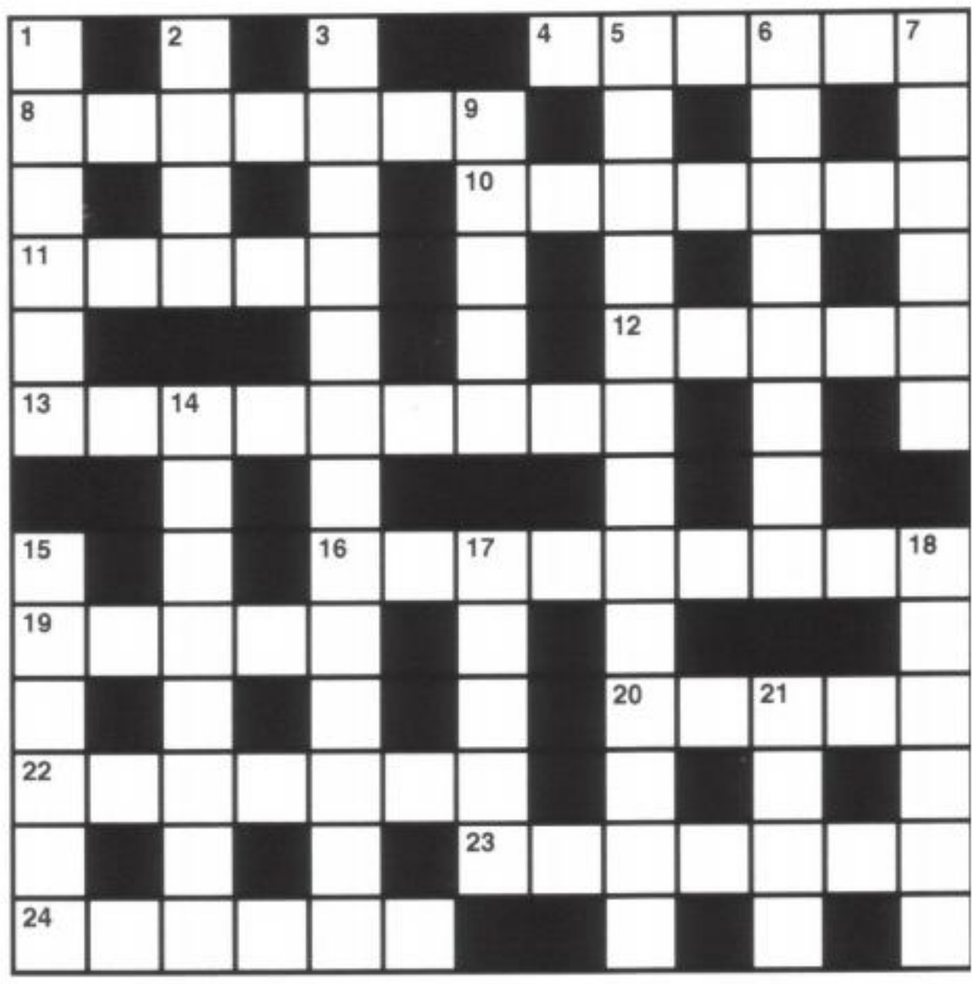
Scribble space

Cryptic Clues Across

4 I leave the dream to worship (6)
8 So do our ingredients become fragrant (7)
10 Placed the cold tea elsewhere . . . (7)
11 . . . and turned over the book to find some inside showing signs of heat (5)
12 Kind of animal with father outside and inside (5)
13 One result of the reproductive system (9)
16 Replied there could be some grass round the southern lake (9)
19 Four immersed in drink, but still breathing (5)
20 Change part of the place of worship, by the sound of it (5)
22 Enquired about part of the Bible that could be reproduced (7)
23 The curve otherwise is round the edge (7)
24 It takes a worker on the land to steer at sea (6)

Cryptic Clues Down

1 Loose talk of the swine turning back about an unusual call for help (6)
2 Propose to change houses (4)
3 Accommodation for the fresh-air fiend? (4,2,7)
5 The rule does not apply to a friend in unusual circumstances (13)
6 Enlarged externally, contracted, then finished (8)
7 The last organ to gain affection (6)
9 Incline to a particular angle (5)
14 Person of authority who is off before one secular uprising (8)
15 Projection that sounds as if one should strike it (6)
17 Dig this card (5)
18 Obscure, having taken refuge in study (6)
21 Record the conversation at the finishing post (4)



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This week's solutions

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Quick Crossword

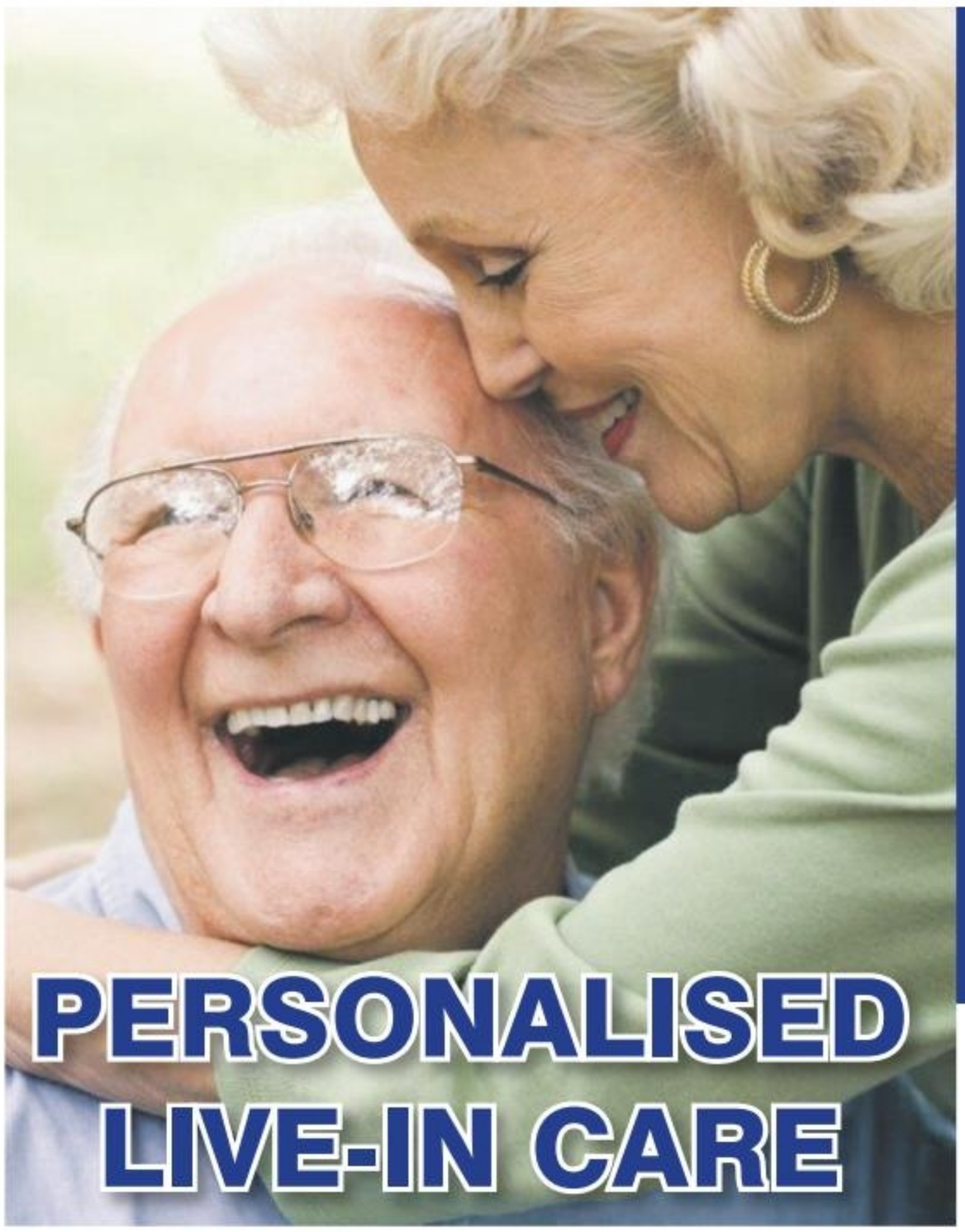
Across: 4 Amuses 8 Frantic 10 Abridge 11 Allot 12 Yacht 13 Divesting 16 Asterisks 19 Reign 20 Upper 22 Munched 23 Endowed 24 Sleeps

Down: 1 Afraid 2 Mail 3 Statesmanship 5 Merry-go-rounds 6 Seducers 7 Sweats 9 Cacti 14 Variance 15 Tramps 17 Trade 18 Strike 21 Pawn

Cryptic Crossword

Across: 4 Revere 8 Odorous 10 Located 11 Steam 12 Panda 13 Photostat 17 Responded 19 Alive 20 Alter 22 Printed 23 Ellipse 24 Tiller

Down: 1 Gossip 2 Move 3 Room to breathe 5 Exceptionally 6 Extended 7 Endear 9 Slant 14 Official 15 Tapper 17 Spade 18 Darken 21 Tape



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Simple steps homeowners can take now to protect their assets.

Head of April King Legal Paul King explains why some homeowners are doing **too little, too late** to protect their hard-earned assets.

Paul King, Head of April King Legal

Care Cost Fees

"A lot of people are still unaware that if they need care in later life, their assets will be means-tested by the Local Authority to help pay for these services."

"The Local Authority will look to use the assets of a person until they get down to a lower limit of £14,250, when the Local Authority will take over the fees."

"For instance, my own grandmother sadly passed away recently at the age of 92. My grandfather had died many years earlier and left everything to her."

"When she needed care in the last six years of her life, because my grandfather had left everything to her, the house and all the estate was counted in the Local Authority's means test."

"Our clients tell us, 'We've worked hard all our lives, why should the Local Authority get it all?'"

"Just as she died, she had gone down to that lower limit of £14,250 and that's all her children inherited."

"There are many myths about the steps people can take to protect their assets from being used like this."

"The main one is that a parent should simply sign their house over to the children now, so it won't be taken into consideration for means testing. That's just not true."

"Local Authorities will actually look to see if you've 'deliberately deprived' yourself of an asset by giving property away, going back over any period in time."

"Sometimes people think that if the gift is made seven years prior then the house is safe. This is not so as the seven-year rule only applies to Inheritance Tax and not Local Authority care."

"The solution is for couples to simply not leave everything to each other in the first place."

"What my grandfather could have done is leave his half of the house in trust to his children, stating that they couldn't have it while his wife, my grandmother, was still alive. We call these Property Trust Wills."

"If my grandfather had left his half of the house in trust to the children then when my grandmother subsequently received care in her later life she would only have been means tested on her own half of the house, but my grandfather's half would have been safe."

"Why should he have to contribute his half when he didn't receive any care?"

"The important factor is that couples need to act in advance. Once one party dies or loses mental capacity, through a stroke for example, then they are no longer in a position to do this legitimate and straightforward type of planning."

"It is therefore important for couples to act now even if they may not foresee care fees being an issue."

Paul goes on to explain that most clients he sees are surprised to learn remarriage usually cancels a Will and makes the spouse next in line to inherit, ahead of their own children! Protecting your half of the house in this way, he suggests, ensures that your children ultimately inherit when the survivor dies.

"Had my grandmother remarried after the death of my grandfather the whole estate could have passed sideways out of the family," says Paul.

Lasting Power of Attorney

Paul explains how people often get confused thinking that, because they have made a Will, their executors can also deal with assets if there is illness, stroke or some other form of incapacity while they are still alive.

"Everyone should actually have two documents – a Will that deals with their estate on death, and a Lasting Power of Attorney that deals with their estate during their lifetime," he says.

"There are two types of Lasting Power of Attorney – one deals with finance, the other deals with health and welfare."

"In many ways it's similar to a passport; a document that's registered now and one which can be physically handed to the attorneys should the need arise."

"It allows the attorneys, perhaps the children, to deal with the banks and pension companies etc should their parent become incapacitated, but also to deal with matters such as where the parent should be living and how they should receive care."

"Your attorneys, again perhaps your children, must legally act in your best interests at all times."

"You can choose a number of attorneys to act, either jointly or independently, and April King advises on the various options available."

"Couples are often surprised to discover that even joint bank accounts can be frozen until the bank sees sight of a Lasting Power of Attorney document."

"Having a Lasting Power of Attorney removes the burden on children should ill health happen further down the line."

"It helps a family deal with bank accounts and so on during a parent's lifetime and ceases on death."

"Crucially, you have to complete a Lasting Power of Attorney while you are still in good mental health."

"If someone becomes ill through say, a stroke or dementia, this option is lost and the family would have to apply for a Deputyship Order from the Court of Protection – a drawn out and expensive process."

"It is therefore a good idea for clients to plan ahead and remove any future burden from the family."

"Once again, all adults should be thinking of this, particularly when there are children or a business involved."

"It's not just something to think about when you get older, that's the challenge for us."

"People think, 'I'm not ill, why do I need to make a Power of Attorney?' But they're missing the point. This is a document that has to be done in advance."

"The Lasting Power of Attorney remains in place until you die unless you want to cancel it."

"Once it's registered, you don't have to worry if you then develop some debilitating illness. A burden has been removed from the family at an already difficult time."

Bloodline Trust Wills

The majority of April King's clients have already made standard 'Mirror Wills' with other firms before approaching the Firm. A Mirror Will is when a couple leave everything to each other on the first death, then to the children when the second partner dies. But modern family life means these type of Wills leave a lot to chance.

Explains Paul: "If I have a Mirror Will leaving everything to my wife and she remarries or goes into care after my death then either the new husband or the Local Authority are likely to inherit most, if not all, of my estate ahead of my children."

"Even if my children are named in my Mirror Will, it is by no means certain that they will inherit anything."

"Once again, this is because a remarriage would cancel the Will my wife had previously made with me and make the new husband next-of-kin."

"This often comes as a big shock to my clients who had perhaps thought that all was in order and that the family bloodline would one day inherit."

"The same is true for thinking that their children and/or grandchildren will one day benefit under a Mirror Will."

"If any of your children should die leaving everything to their husband or wife and that son-in-law or daughter-in-law should then remarry, then your grandchildren would be the ones to lose out under the line of inheritance."

"Worse still, someone else's grandchildren would be in line to receive the benefit of all your years of hard work."

"I've experienced this in my own family and I'm sure most people have had similar experiences or heard of someone who has."

"Bloodline Trust Wills give greater protection to your children."

"These type of Wills not only give your children complete control and access to the inheritance they receive from you, they also grant added protection from the twists and turns of modern family life."

"The wording in these Wills states that any money left over on their demise must pass to any children born of them – your grandchildren."

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Spring into Action

Now's the perfect time to replace your garden fence once and for all. Anna Ryder Richardson - Designer and Television Presenter - takes a closer look at Colourfence, the revolutionary low-maintenance system.

It's been ten years since I regularly graced TV screens helping transform people's living spaces with MDF and stripped floorboards. Recently it's been more "celebrity muck out" than "celebrity make-over" as I took up the challenge of owning my own Wildlife Zoo in Tenby. In this time I've learnt quiet a lot about fences and having researched the various options for my own benefit I thought I would share my knowledge with a wider audience.

The latest design processes mean there is now a tremendous array of fencing products for you to choose from, constructed from a variety of materials. Each has its own attributes, and ultimately it can often come down to a matter of personal preference. For me, there was one unique system that stood out as providing the best balance between price and functionality which eradicates fencing problems for good. Or for at least 25 years. Colourfence. For quality, value, longevity, aesthetic design, this fencing system ticks all the boxes. Fencing made for the 21st century that will transform the look of your garden which is supplied and fitted by a company whose customer service is as good as the product.

In my view, Colourfence is the 'Rolls Royce' of fencing – just without the exclusive price tag. What's more, it's guaranteed to stay in place in up to 130mph winds and is virtually maintenance free.

To find out how the experts from Colourfence might help you, I suggest you call **01865 582 171** and speak to their team.

"I honestly believe that Colourfence is the best general purpose fencing product on the market today!"

Colourfence: The ultimate garden fence?

For many Colourfence is perhaps the ultimate choice. For the last 15 years it's been widely used across the UK and has steadily gained a reputation for its quality. By using the highest specification Colorbond steel in the fence structure itself, complemented by the highest level of customer service from accredited Franchisees, Colourfence is now regarded by many as the premier fencing solution in the market. Immune to the rot and resistant to the weather that so quickly effects wooden fences, Colourfence has none of the drawbacks of wood - plenty of additional benefits and what's more it's better value!

Call **01865 582 171** for more information

Gardeners' Questions

Q Wooden fence panels just don't seem to last - is there a storm resistant alternative?

A The Colourfence system has been tested under cyclonic conditions to withstand storms with wind gusts up to 130mph. Unlike your wooden fence - once professionally installed - Colourfence really will stay up!

Q No matter what I treat my wooden fence with - nothing seems to prevent it rotting or looking shabby for very long.

A Treating your fence is a thankless and expensive task. It's also a losing battle. Wood simply want's to rot. Colourfence offers a low-maintenance alternative where by an occasional wash down will keep it looking great for up to 25 years! GUARANTEED!†

THIS WEEK'S JOB

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Step into Spring – with COLOURFENCE

The only garden fence you will ever need!

Every gardener knows that it pays to plan ahead. If you are one of the thousands of people who watched helpless, as winter winds battered their garden, it will not be a surprise that garden fences are almost always the first casualty. Whether you have previously patched, painted or simply prayed to keep your fence going, there's no escaping the fact that timber fences will always fall victim to the weather. With Colourfence you can put your garden straight once and for all. Colourfence is scientfically tested and cyclonically rated to ensure when professionally installed, it can withstand wind gusts of up to 130mph. Once it's up – it stays up and is guaranteed to look good year after year. Safe, extra secure and hassle free – you will NEVER need to paint it, treat it or patch it. An occasional hose down will be all you need do to keep it in top condition for years to come. In fact the system is so durable that Colourfence will guarantee† their fencing to last at least 25 years. Available in a range of colours to suit any garden, with or without decorative trellis, the highly skilled installation team make short work of their dramatic transformations. Your sad old fence will be e_ ciently cleared and replaced, leaving you to get back to enjoying your rejuvenated garden. Pricing is just as straightforward and equally attractive. Starting costs are in line with inferior timber systems but with no annual treatments required, Colourfence saves you time and money each and every year. Their aim is your peace of mind. With a 25 year guarantee† Colourfence speaks for itself and promises a lifetime of hassle-free enjoyment.

For more information and to arrange a FREE no obligation site visit simply call one of their helpful team on 01865 582 171.

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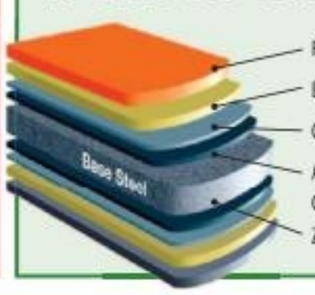
In detail:

- Virtually Maintenance-free.
- Save time & money - no treating required.
- Guaranteed† not to rot, warp or peel for up to 25 years.
- Costs in line with far inferior timber systems
  Variety of colours and sizes available
- Professionally installed by accredited Franchisees

Colourfence is built to last!



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Thriller gets under skin of actor

Aerial choreography, special effects and edge of the seat drama combine for Mark Murphy's medical thriller Out of This World which comes to the Oxford Playhouse next week. See inside for more

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Saturday June 3rd

BBC1

Casualty, 8.25pm

6.00 Breakfast 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live 11.30 Raymond Blanc: How to Cook Well 12.00 Bargain Hunt 1.00 BBC News (S) **1.15 Escape to the Country** (S)(R) **2.15 Money for Nothing** (S)(R) **3.15 FILM How to Train Your Dragon (2010) (PG)** (S) **4.45 Pointless Celebrities** (S)(R) **5.30 BBC News** (S) **5.40 BBC Regional News** (S) **5.50 FILM Raiders of the Lost Ark (1981) (PG)** (S)

7.35 Doctor Who The whole world falls under the sway of a mass delusion. (S)

8.25 Casualty Elle discovers some uncomfortable truths about her son Blake. (S)

9.15 Mrs Brown's Boys Dermot announces his choice of best man for the wedding. (S)(R)
9.45 BBC News; Weather; (S) National Lottery Update (S)

10.05 Clique Holly plots to expose the hidden crimes of Solasta and the clique. (S)
10.50 Clique Holly races to bring Georgia back from the brink. Last in the series. (S)

11.35 FILM The Spectacular Now (2013) (15) A teenage loner bonds with a classmate who helps her create a new persona. Drama, Miles Teller stars. (S)

1.05 Weather for the Week Ahead (S) **1.10** BBC News (S)

BBC2

Dad's Army, 8.30pm

8.10 FILM Goodbye, Mr Chips (1939) (U) (S) **10.00 Monty Halls' Great Hebridean Escape** (S)(R) **11.00 Homes Under the Hammer** (S)(R) **12.00 Great British Menu** (S)(R) **1.00 Joan Fontaine: Talking Pictures** (S)(R) **1.30 FILM Ivanhoe (1952) (U)** (S) **3.15 Natural World** (S)(R) **4.00 Flog It!** (S)(R) **5.00 Gardeners' World** (S)(R) **6.00 FILM Grow Your Own (2007) (PG)** (S)

7.30 The Lake District: A Wild Year Narrated by Bernard Cribbins. (S)(R)

8.30 Dad's Army The platoon is marooned on a derelict pier. (S) (R)

9.00 Sgt Pepper's Musical Revolution – with Howard Goodall The composer explores why the Beatles' 50-year-old album is still revered. (S)

10.00 FILM The Sapphires (2012) (PG) Drama, starring Deborah Mailman and Chris O'Dowd. (S)

11.40 Cricket: ICC Champions Trophy Highlights Sri Lanka v South Africa. (S)

12.30 Versailles; (S)(R) Inside Versailles (S) (R) **1.30 FILM Miss Bala (2011) (15)** Crime drama, starring Stephanie Sigman. **3.20** This Is BBC Two (S)

ITV

Take Me Out, 6.00pm

6.00 CITV 8.25 ITV News (S) **8.30 Weekend** (S) **9.25 ITV Racing: The Opening Show** (S) **10.20 Judge Rinder** (S)(R) **11.20 Tipping Point** (S)(R) **12.20 ITV News;** Weather (S) **12.25 Bigheads** (S)(R) **1.30 ITV Racing Live: The Derby** (S) **5.00 You've Been Framed! Unleashed!** Comical clips, narrated by Harry Hill. (S)(R) **6.00 ITV Regional News;** Weather (S) **6.10 ITV News** (S) **6.30 Take Me Out** (S)

7.30 Britain's Got Talent Final Ant and Dec host the climax of this year's nationwide talent search. Last in the series. (S)

10.00 The Keith and Paddy Picture Show Last in the series. (S)
10.30 ITV News; Weather (S)
10.45 UEFA Champions League Highlights Juventus v Real Madrid. Action from the final. (S)

11.45 The Chase Bradley Walsh presents as four contestants answer general knowledge questions and work as a team to take on the Chaser. (S)(R)

12.45 Jackpot247 3.00 Who's Doing the Dishes? (S)(R) **3.50 ITV** Nightscreen

Channel 4

The Restoration Man, 7pm

6.20 Marathon: Tobago International Sea to Sea Marathon 6.45 Mobil 1 The Grid 7.15 Motor Sport: British GT 7.40 Everybody Loves Raymond 8.30 Frasier 10.00 The Big Bang Theory 11.25 The Simpsons 12.55 Come Dine with Me 3.35 A Place in the Sun: Summer Sun 4.35 Big House, Little House 5.35 Location, Location, Location 6.30 Channel 4 News 6.55 Party Election Broadcast

7.00 The Restoration Man George Clarke checks on the progress of North Yorkshire couple Carol and Majid Nadry, who embarked on an ambitious midlife adventure – turning a water tower into a five-storey home. (S)(R)

8.00 Britain's Ancient Tracks with Tony Robinson The historian explores the UK's network of ancient trackways and roads, which have been walked by pilgrims, hunters and invaders over the course of the past 5,000 years. (S)(R)

9.00 FILM Legend (2015) (18) Premiere. Biopic of the Kray brothers, exploring their rise to power from the point of view of Reggie's wife Frances. Starring

1.50 The Last Leg (S)(R) **2.50** Hollyoaks (S)(R) **4.55** Selling Houses with Amanda Lamb (S) **5.55** 3rd Rock from the Sun (S)(R)

Channel 5

NCIS, 8pm

6.00 Milkshake! 10.20 The Fairly OddParents (S)(R) **10.55 Pets Make You Laugh Out Loud** (S)(R) **11.15 Police Interceptors** (S)(R) **12.15 Police Interceptors: The Fatal Four** (S)(R) **1.15 Benefits Britain: Life on the Dole** (S)(R) **3.10 Benefits Britain: Me & My 14 Kids** (S)(R) **4.10 The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door** (S)(R) **5.10 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away** (S)

7.10 NCIS: Los Angeles Part two of two. The Chameleon leads the team on a wild goose chase. Last in the series. (S)

8.00 NCIS The manhunt for the fugitive British spy continues. Last in the series. (S)
8.55 5 News Weekend (S)

9.00 Most Shocking Celebrity Moments of the 90s Infamous incidents from the 1990s, including OJ Simpson's trial. (S) (R)

12.05 Access 12.15 SuperCasino **3.10 FILM Setup (2011) (15)** Crime thriller, starring Bruce Willis. (S) **4.40** House Doctor (S)(R) **5.05** Wildlife SOS (S)(R) **5.30** Access (S) **5.40** Angels of Jarm (S)(R) **5.50** Roary the Racing Car (S)(R)

DAYTIME 7 8 9 10 11 AFTER 12

DIGITAL

ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6

6.00 You've Been Framed! Gold Yearbook **6.50** Emmerdale **8.50** Coronation Street **11.15** Britain's Got Talent **12.50** Britain's Got Talent Results **1.15** Take Me Out **2.35** Take Me Out – The Gossip **3.40** FILM: What a Girl Wants (2003) (PG) Comedy, starring Amanda Bynes. **4.40** FYI Daily **4.45** FILM: What a Girl Wants (2003) (PG) Concluded. **5.50** FILM: Happy Feet (2006) (U) Animated adventure, with the voice of Elijah Wood. **6.50** FYI Daily **6.55** FILM: Happy Feet (2006) (U) Concluded. **8.00** Take Me Out – The Gossip **9.00** FILM: The Fast and the Furious (2001) (15) Thriller, starring Vin Diesel and Paul Walker. **10.00** FYI Daily **10.05** FILM: The Fast and the Furious (2001) (15) Concluded. **11.10** Family Guy **1.10** American Dad! **2.05** Through the Keyhole **3.00** Teleshopping

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10

6.00 On the Buses **6.55** Murder, She Wrote **10.00** FILM: Carry On Don't Lose Your Head (1966) (PG) **11.05** FYI Daily **11.10** FILM: Carry On Don't Lose Your Head (1966) (PG) **11.55** FILM: Columbo: The Most Crucial Game (1972) (PG) **1.35** Wycliffe **2.45** A Touch of Frost **4.50** Agatha Christie's Marple **6.50** Endeavour **9.00** Foyle's War **11.10** A Touch of Frost **1.20** Wycliffe **2.15** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9

7.00 Saints and Sinners: Britain's Millennium of Monasteries **8.00** The Search for Alfred the Great **9.00** Cardinal **10.25** Sounds of the Eighties **11.20** Lionel Richie – Dancing on the Ceiling **12.20** Lionel Richie at the BBC **1.20** Top of the Pops: The Story of 1984 **2.20** Top of the Pops: 1984 **3.20** Sounds of the Seventies **3.30** Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28

6.00 Couples Come Dine with Me **7.50** Made in Chelsea **8.55** FILM: Postman Pat: The Movie (2014) (U) **10.35** The Goldbergs **1.10** Rude(ish) Tube Shorts **1.20** FILM: A Turtle's Tale: Sammy's Adventures (2010) (U) Animated adventure, with the voice of Dominic Cooper. **3.05** FILM: Mr Popper's Penguins (2011) (PG) Family comedy, starring Jim Carrey. **5.00** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** FILM: Tower Heist (2011) (12) Crime comedy, with Ben Stiller and Eddie Murphy. **11.05** Gogglebox **1.00** Rude Tube **2.05** Tattoo Fixers **3.05** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD **3.50** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **4.10** Kevin Can Wait **4.30** Black-ish **4.50** How I Met Your Mother

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14

8.55 Food Unwrapped **9.30** Come Dine with Me **12.05** Selling Houses with Amanda Lamb **1.05** Grand Designs New Zealand **2.10** Four in a Bed **4.50** Come Dine with Me **7.25** Guy Martin's Spitfire **9.00** Thriller in Manila **11.00** 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown **1.05** Father Ted **2.15** Guy Martin's Spitfire **3.45** Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15

11.00 Thunderbirds Are Go! (1966) (U) Puppet adventure, with the voice of Shane Rimmer. **1.00** Parental Guidance (2012) (U) Comedy, with Billy Crystal and Bette Midler. **3.05** Rio (2011) (U) Animated comedy, with the voice of Jesse Eisenberg. **4.50** Porridge (1979) (PG) Prison comedy, starring Ronnie Barker. **6.40** The Day After Tomorrow (2004) (12) Disaster thriller, starring Jake Gyllenhaal and Dennis Quaid. **9.00** The Grey (2011) (15) Wilderness adventure, starring Liam Neeson. **11.15** The Hole (2009) (12) Horror, starring Chris Massoglia. **1.05** Sinister (2012) (15) **3.20** Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12

6.00 Home Shopping **7.25** Deadly 60 **8.20** Top Gear **9.20** Dara O Briain's Go 8 Bit **10.20** Go 8 Bit: DLC **10.50** Top Gear Botswana Special **11.50** FILM: Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid (1969) (PG) Western, starring Paul Newman and Robert Redford. **2.00** Sin City Motors **4.00** Top Gear **6.00** Dynamo: Magician Impossible **7.00** Gavin & Stacey **9.00** Would I Lie to You? **11.00** Dave Gorman: Modern Life Is Goodish **12.00** QI XL **1.00** Gavin & Stacey **1.40** Would I Lie to You? **2.55** Game of Arms **4.00** Home Shopping

DRAMA SKY: 158 FV: 20

7.10 Secret Army **11.00** Sharpe **1.00** Secret Army **5.00** Open All Hours **7.00** Hetty Wainthropp Investigates **8.00** Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries **9.00** Taggart **11.30** Waking the Dead **12.45** Sharpe **3.30** Garden Hopping **4.00** Home Shopping

SKY1 SKY: 106

6.00 Beneath the Black: A Journey Through New Zealand Rugby **7.00** British and Irish Lions Tour Preview **8.00** NCIS: Los Angeles **11.00** Modern Family **12.00** Futurama **2.30** Modern Family **5.00** Supergirl **6.00** The Flash **7.00** MacGyver **8.00** Golf's Funniest Moments **9.00** A League of Their Own **10.00** FILM: A Beautiful Mind (2001) (12) Oscar-winning biopic, starring Russell Crowe. **12.00** Modern Family **1.00** Jamestown **2.00** NCIS: Los Angeles **3.00** The Five **4.00** Stop, Search, Seize **5.00** Zoo Tales

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108

6.00 Fish Town **8.00** The British **11.00** House **1.00** Cold Case **3.00** Blue Bloods **6.00** Drew: The Man Behind the Poster **8.00** Blue Bloods **9.00** Game of Thrones **10.05** Muhammad Ali's Greatest Fight **11.55** Mike Tyson: Undisputed Truth **1.40** Cold Case **2.40** Nurse Jackie **4.10** Urban Secrets

W SKY: 109

6.10 Boston's Finest **7.00** Inside the Ambulance **8.00** Traffic Cops **9.00** The Bill **1.00** EastEnders **3.30** Tom Kerridge's Best Ever Dishes **4.00** Extreme Makeover: Home Edition **5.00** My Family **7.00** FILM: America's Sweethearts (2001) (12) Romantic comedy, with John Cusack and Julia Roberts. **9.00** FILM: Contagion (2011) (12) Thriller, starring Matt Damon and Kate Winslet. **11.10** Criminal Minds: Beyond Borders **12.05** Inside the Ambulance **1.05** Grimm **2.00** Resurrection **3.00** Home Shopping

GOLD SKY: 110

7.15 The Interviews **8.05** The Two Ronnies **9.45** One Foot in the Grave **10.25** The Two Ronnies Spectacle **11.30** Last of the Summer Wine **1.25** Only Fools and Horses **9.30** The Trip **11.30** Black Books **12.40** Monty Python's Best Bits (Mostly) **1.20** Nighty Night **2.00** Big Train **2.35** Steve Coogan: Live 'n' Lewd **4.00** Home Shopping

SKY SPORTS 1 SKY: 401

6.00 Football Gold **6.30** Premier League 100 Club **7.00** British and Irish Lions Tour Preview **8.00** Live International Rugby Union. Provincial Union XV v British & Irish Lions (kick-off 8.35am). **11.00** Beneath the Black: A Journey Through New Zealand Rugby **12.00** Darts Gold **1.00** Live World Cup of Darts. Coverage of the third day of the doubles event. **5.00** Live Betfred Super League. Hull FC v Wigan Warriors (kick-off 5.00pm). **7.00** Live World Cup of Darts. Further coverage of the third day of the doubles event. **11.00** International Rugby Union **12.00** ICC Champions Trophy Cricket **1.00** World Cup of Darts **5.00** Premier League 100 Club **5.30** Spanish Football Gold

Sunday June 4th

BBC1

One Love Manchester Concert, 6.55pm

DAYTIME

6.00 Breakfast 9.00 Andrew Marr Show 10.00 Pentecost with the Archbishop of Canterbury 11.00 Sunday Politics 12.15 Bargain Hunt 1.00 News 1.15 Homes Under the Hammer 2.10 Escape to the Country 2.40 Shop Well for Less? 3.40 Points of View 3.55 Songs of Praise 4.30 News 4.45 Regional News 4.55 Countryfile 5.55 Question Time Leaders Special 6.55 One Love Manchester Concert

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7.00 Dragons' Den The panel assesses the profit-making potential of a fledgling fashion business. (S)(R)

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8.00 The Life Swap Adventure A nurse from Nottingham who wants to live somewhere with a sense of community swaps places with a B&B owner. (S)

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9.00 Paul Hollywood's Big Continental Road Trip Paul spends six days exploring Germany in six different cars. (S)

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10.00 BBC News (S)
10.25 BBC Regional News; Weather (S)
10.35 Election Questions Green Party co-leader Jonathan Bartley and UKIP leader Paul Nuttall. (S)

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11.35 Election Questions With Leanne Wood, leader of Plaid Cymru. (S)

AFTER 12

12.05 The Women's Football Show (S) **12.40 FILM Up There (2012) (15)** Comic fantasy, starring Burn Gorman. (S) **1.55** Weather for the Week Ahead (S) **2.00** BBC News (S)

BBC2

White Gold, 10pm

7.30 Gardeners' World (S)(R) **8.30 The Beechgrove Garden** (S) **9.00 Countryfile** (S)(R) **10.00 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites** (S) **11.30 Great British Menu** (S)(R) **1.00 Hairy Bikers' Best of British** (S)(R) **1.45 Laurence Olivier: Talking Pictures** (S)(R) **2.15 FILM Pride and Prejudice (1940) (U)** (S) **4.10 Natural World** (S)(R) **5.10 Flog It!** (S)(R) **6.00 The Fifteen Billion Pound Railway** (S)(R)

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10.00 White Gold Vincent, Fitzpatrick and Lavender meet a group of men from a local publishing company. (S)(R)
10.30 Dara O Briain Crowd Tickler (S)(R)

11.30 Cricket: ICC Champions Trophy Highlights India v Pakistan. (S)

12.20 FILM Salvage (2009) (18) Horror, starring Neve McIntosh. (S) **1.35** Sign Zone: Question Time (S)(R) **2.35** Holby City (S)(R) **3.35** This Is BBC Two (S)

ITV

Catchphrase, 6.45pm

6.00 CITV 8.25 ITV News (S) **8.30 Weekend** (S) **9.25 Britain's Best Walks with Julia Bradbury** (S)(R) **10.00 Peston on Sunday** (S) **11.00 Judge Rinder** (S)(R) **12.05 ITV News** (S) **12.15 All Star Family Fortunes** (S)(R) **1.00 Tipping Point** (S)(R) **2.00 Live: Michael Carrick Testimonial** (S) **4.45 The Chase** (S)(R) **5.45 You've Been Framed!** (S)(R) **6.45 ITV Regional News;** Weather (S)

7.00 ITV News (S)
7.15 Catchphrase Guessing game, hosted by Stephen Mulhern. (S)(R)

8.00 FILM The Queen (2006) (12) Drama about how the royal family and Tony Blair dealt with the death of Princess Diana. Helen Mirren stars. (S)

10.00 ITV News; Weather (S)
10.20 Peston on Sunday Political magazine, presented by Robert Peston. (S)(R)

11.25 Unbelievable Moments Caught on Camera Alastair Stewart presents extraordinary eyewitness footage filmed by members of the public. (S)(R)

12.25 Jackpot247 3.00 Motorsport UK (S) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show (S)(R)

Channel 4

Cabins in the Wild with Dick Strawbridge, 8pm

6.45 Everybody Loves Raymond (S)(R) **8.00 Frasier** (S)(R) **8.55 Eating Well with Hemsley + Hemsley** (S) **9.30 Sunday Brunch** (S) **12.30 Eat the Week** (S) **1.30 The Simpsons** (S)(R) **2.00 FILM The Tigger Movie (2000) (U)** (S) **3.35 Winnie-the-Pooh: The Most Famous Bear in the World** (S)(R) **4.35 A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun** (S)(R) **5.35 Homes by the Sea** (S) **6.30 Channel 4 News** (S)

7.00 The Supervet A champion running dog is admitted with an abnormal elbow joint. (S)(R)

8.00 Cabins in the Wild with Dick Strawbridge Dick Strawbridge and Will Hardie take a look at a cabin inspired by King Arthur and a double-decker tepee. (S)

9.00 The Handmaid's Tale Offred and her fellow handmaids gather to assist with the birth of Janine's baby. (S)

10.00 Gogglebox Capturing the households' instant reactions to what they are watching on TV from the comfort of their own sofas. (S)(R)

11.05 Micky Flanagan's Out Out Tour A performance by the comedian from his nationwide tour. (S)(R)

12.10 FILM Apocalypto (2006) (18) **2.30** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA (S)(R) **3.15** KOTV Boxing Weekly (S) **3.45** Gillette World Sport (S) **4.10** Mobil 1 The Grid (S)(R) **4.35** Shipping Wars UK (S)(R) **5.05** Location, Location, Location (S)(R)

Channel 5

2012, 5.05pm

6.00 Milkshake! 9.50 The Fairly OddParents (S)(R) **10.25 Cats Make You Laugh Out Loud** (S) **10.50 The Gadget Show** (S)(R) **11.40 Police Interceptors: Rookies and Raids** (S)(R) **12.45 Police Interceptors** (S)(R) **1.40 FILM Asteroid: Final Impact (2015) (12)** (S) **3.20 FILM 10.0 Earthquake (2014) (PG)** (S) **5.05 FILM 2012 (2009) (12)** Disaster movie, starring John Cusack. (S)

7.55 5 News Weekend (S)

8.00 FILM Jackie Chan's The Forbidden Kingdom (2008) (12) Martial arts adventure, starring Jet Li and Jackie Chan. (S)

10.00 FILM The Expendables 2 (2012) (15) Action thriller sequel, starring Sylvester Stallone and Jean-Claude Van Damme. Includes 5 News Update at 11pm. (S)

11.50 Greatest Ever Disaster Movies Countdown as voted for by viewers of Channel 5 and readers of The Times. (S)(R)

1.15 SuperCasino 3.10 Top 20 Funniest (S)(R) **4.00** World's Most Pampered Pets (S)(R) **4.50** House Doctor (S)(R) **5.15** Wildlife SOS (S)(R) **5.40** Angels of Jarm (S)(R) **5.50** Roary the Racing Car (S)(R)

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ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6

6.00 Emma Willis: The Hot Desk **6.10** Planet's Funniest Animals **6.30** Emmerdale **8.35** Coronation Street **11.10** Take Me Out **12.40** Take Me Out – The Gossip **1.45** Best of You've Been Framed! Gold **2.45** FILM: Cats & Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore (2010) (U) Comedy sequel, starring Chris O'Donnell. **3.45** FYI Daily **3.50** FILM: Cats & Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore (2010) (U) Concluded. **4.30** FILM: Despicable Me (2010) (U) Animated comedy, with the voice of Steve Carell. **5.30** FYI Daily **5.35** FILM: Despicable Me (2010) (U) Concluded. **6.25** FILM: The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring (2001) (PG) Fantasy adventure, starring Elijah Wood. **7.25** FYI Daily **7.30** FILM: The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring (2001) (PG) Concluded. **10.00** Britain's Got More Talent: Final **11.00** Family Guy **12.30** American Dad! **12.55** The Cleveland Show **2.20** Teleshopping **5.50** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10

6.00 FILM: Carry On Don't Lose Your Head (1966) (PG) Comedy, starring Sid James. **7.00** FYI Daily **7.05** FILM: Carry On Don't Lose Your Head (1966) (PG) Concluded. **7.40** Heartbeat **9.50** Murder, She Wrote **10.50** FILM: The Nun's Story (1959) (PG) Drama, starring Audrey Hepburn. **11.50** FYI Daily **11.55** FILM: The Nun's Story (1959) (PG) Concluded. **1.50** Agatha Christie's Marple **3.50** Foyle's War **6.00** Agatha Christie's Marple **8.00** Midsomer Murders **10.00** Tommy Cooper: Not Like That, Like This **12.05** A Touch of Frost **2.15** Heartbeat **3.05** May the Best House Win **4.45** On the Buses **5.40** ITV3 Nightscreen

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9

7.00 Egypt's Lost Queens **8.00** Egypt's Lost Cities **9.30** Egyptian Journeys with Dan Cruickshank **10.00** Arena: American Epic **11.00** Southern Rock at the BBC **12.00** Later... Folk America **1.00** Timeshift: Bridging the Gap – How the Severn Bridge Was Built **2.00** Engineering Giants: Gas Rig Strip-Down **3.00** Queen of Tigers: Natural World Special **4.00** Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28

6.00 Baby Daddy **6.25** Couples Come Dine with Me **8.20** Hollyoaks **10.55** Made in Chelsea **12.00** Made in Chelsea Does Come Dine with Me **1.00** The Big Bang Theory **2.00** The Goldbergs **2.55** FILM: The Core (2003) (12) Sci-fi thriller, starring Aaron Eckhart. **5.35** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD **10.00** Rude Tube **11.00** Tattoo Fixers **1.10** 8 Out of 10 Cats **2.00** First Dates **3.00** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD **3.45** Hollyoaks

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14

8.55 Come Dine with Me **11.30** Great Canal Journeys **2.40** Four in a Bed **5.20** Come Dine with Me **8.00** The Secret Life of the Zoo **9.00** Father Ted **10.05** FILM: Robin Hood (2010) (12) Medieval adventure, starring Russell Crowe. **12.50** Ramsay's Hotel Hell **1.50** The Secret Life of the Zoo **2.50** 8 Out of 10 Cats Uncut **3.40** Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15

11.00 Picture Perfect (1997) (PG) Romantic comedy, with Jennifer Aniston and Jay Mohr. **1.00** Judy Moody and the Not Bummer Summer (2011) (PG) Comedy, starring Jordana Beatty. **2.45** ParaNorman (2012) (PG) Animated adventure, with the voice of Kodi Smit-McPhee. **4.35** Mirror Mirror (2012) (PG) Fantasy, starring Julia Roberts. **6.45** About Time (2013) (12) Romantic fantasy comedy, with Domhnall Gleeson and Rachel McAdams. **9.00** Red (2010) (12) Action thriller, starring Bruce Willis. **11.10** 48 Hrs (1982) (15) Comedy thriller, starring Nick Nolte and Eddie Murphy. **1.00** Rust and Bone (2012) (15) Romantic drama, starring Marion Cotillard and Matthias Schoenaerts. **3.30** Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12

6.00 Home Shopping **7.10** Traffic Cops **8.00** Top Gear **10.00** Sin City Motors **11.00** Traffic Cops **12.00** FILM: Escape to Victory (1981) (PG) Second World War adventure, starring Michael Caine. **2.20** Top Gear **3.30** The Joy of Techs **4.30** Dara O Briain's Go 8 Bit **5.30** Go 8 Bit: DLC **6.00** Red Bull Soapbox Race **7.00** Top Gear **8.00** Traffic Cops **9.00** QI XL **10.00** Unspun with Matt Forde **10.30** Would I Lie to You? **11.10** Taskmaster **12.10** Greg Davies: Firing Cheeseballs at a Dog **1.30** 8 Out of 10 Cats **2.20** Suits **3.10** Game of Arms **4.00** Home Shopping

DRAMA SKY: 158 FV: 20

7.10 The Agatha Christie Hour **8.00** As Time Goes By **8.40** The Bill **11.40** King Solomon's Mines **3.40** Catherine Cookson's The Wingless Bird **6.40** Call the Midwife **8.00** Mercy Street **9.00** Silent Witness **11.15** Spooks **12.35** Taggart **2.50** Mercy Street **4.00** Home Shopping

SKY1 SKY: 106

6.00 Hour of Power **7.00** NCIS: Los Angeles **8.00** Futurama **10.30** Game Changers **11.00** Supergirl **12.00** The Flash **1.00** WWE Raw Hlts **2.00** Micro Monsters with David Attenborough **2.30** David Attenborough's Wild City **3.30** Modern Family **6.00** The Simpsons **8.00** Duck Quacks Don't Echo **9.00** Hawaii Five-0 **10.00** NCIS: Los Angeles **11.00** MacGyver **12.00** The Force: Essex **1.00** Air Ambulance ER **2.00** Arrow **3.00** The Five **4.00** Stop, Search, Seize **5.00** Zoo Tales

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108

6.00 Fish Town **9.00** The British **12.00** House **2.00** Blue Bloods **9.00** Twin Peaks: The Return **11.20** Real Time with Bill Maher **12.30** Veep **1.05** Cold Case **2.00** Twin Peaks: The Return **3.10** Nurse Jackie **4.15** Urban Secrets

W SKY: 109

6.00 Boston's Finest **6.40** Bondi Rescue **7.40** Your Home in Their Hands **9.00** Tipping Point: Lucky Stars **1.00** Doctor Who **4.00** My Family **6.00** Outnumbered **8.00** One Born Every Minute **9.00** Criminal Minds: Beyond Borders **10.00** Ordinary Lies **11.10** Louis Theroux: Transgender Kids **12.10** Inside the Ambulance **12.30** Boston's Finest **1.20** Grimm **2.05** Resurrection **3.00** Home Shopping

GOLD SKY: 110

7.20 The Two Ronnies **8.50** One Foot in the Grave **10.10** Only Fools and Horses **9.30** The Trip **11.30** I'm Alan Partridge **12.50** The Thick of It **2.10** The League of Gentlemen **2.45** Limmy's Show **4.00** Home Shopping

SKY SPORTS 1 SKY: 401

6.00 Football Gold **6.30** Football League Gold **7.00** Premier League Legends **8.00** Premier League 100 Club **10.00** Premier League Years **12.00** International Rugby Union **1.00** Live World Cup of Darts. Coverage of the fourth day of the doubles event at the Eissporthalle in Frankfurt, Germany, featuring the quarter-final matches. **5.00** International Rugby Union. **6.00** Darts Gold **7.00** Live World Cup of Darts. Further coverage of the fourth day of the doubles event at the Eissporthalle in Frankfurt, Germany, featuring the semi-finals and final. **11.00** Premier League Legends **12.00** Premier League 100 Club **1.00** World Cup of Darts **5.00** Premier League 100 Club **5.30** Spanish Football Gold

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Out of this world medical drama

By Samantha McGregor

PSYCHOLOGICAL thriller and heart-rending medical drama Out of This World explodes onto the Oxford stage this month.

Renowned innovator Mark Murphy's action packed production takes to the Oxford Playhouse stage for two nights, Tuesday and Wednesday, June 6 and 7.

Using projected film and animation, this production combines stunning aerial choreography, special effects and edge of the seat storytelling to create a show that propels its audience through one woman's descent into the depths of a medically induced coma.

Set in the mind of Ellen following a car crash, the show pieces together the scattered remnants of her memory creating a vivid inward cinema in which she reviews her life.

After discovering a shocking truth, she begins a very real fight to survive.

Murphy said: "Out Of This World's heroine Ellen is not only the main character but, intriguingly, also the location for the show – as much of the action takes place deep within her injured brain.

"It can be a playful place although often it is terrifying; and ultimately it is revelatory.

"A profound truth lies in the revelation that the pain endured, the tests faced and skills acquired while she is deep under the heavy blanket of a medically induced coma demonstrate the extraordinary capacity of the mind to equip the human heart with all it needs to survive outside of this deep sleep.

"I want audiences to dive deep with her on this journey into herself and be thrilled and stunned by the action she and they encounter."

Out Of This World was researched with a consultant neurosurgeon, a consultant anaesthetist and the clinical lead for the West Midlands Air Ambulance.

Creating this production also took Mark to a neurosurgical operating room and aerial rehearsal rooms in Buenos Aires.

In recent years, he has led ambitious, large-scale outdoor events and international ceremonies for audiences in excess of 70,000.

These included the closing ceremony for the Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games, which featured 1,500 Glaswegians alongside stars including Kylie Minogue, Lulu and Deacon Blue.

Out Of This World marks his return to the stage for the first time in 10 years.

Tickets for Out Of This World at Oxford Playhouse start at £11.50 from the ticket office on 01865 305305 or book online at oxfordplayhouse.com

NYC to Oxford

MUSIC: Indie pop band Pains of Being Pure At Heart will take to the stage at Oxford's Cellar on Saturday.

They will be performing tracks from their new album The Echo of Pleasure, due to be released on July 14,

The New York based group finish their UK tour in Oxford before returning to the United States for the Northside Festival later this month.

For more information go to cellaroxford.co.uk

Top tips for choirs

MUSIC: British operatic pop-crossover tenor, Thomas Spencer, will visit two Oxfordshire choirs tomorrow to mark the release of his new album.

Due out on June 23, The Journey, was recorded in Los Angeles, where Thomas worked with the Hanz Zimmer - Interstellar, The Dark Knight, Inception - studio team.

He's also contributed to a number of feature film soundtracks incldu-ing The Life Of Pi, Pirates Of The Caribbean, Kung Fu Panda.

Thomas will be running sessions with members of Cumnor Choral Society at St Andrews Church.

For more information go to thomasofficial.com

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Hanging out with Eric Clapton

By Samantha McGregor

ROCK band Hunter & The Bear are making a return to the city - this time to headline the Oxford O2.

Will, Jimmy, Gareth and Chris will take to the stage on Friday, June 16, to perform tunes from their debut album as well as some of their old favourites.

Formed in 2013, Hunter & The Bear take their inspiration from the likes of Biffy Clyro, Muse and Royal Blood.

From airtime on BBC, where their previous EP Wildfire had extensive plays, and national commercial radio to supporting Eric Clapton on his recent arena tour, the band is making its mark on the music scene.

Will took time out before the Oxford gig to talk about how the band started and his pride at their debut album.

He said: "We're a four piece rock band made up of two Scottish and two English twenty something's.

"Jimmy and I are old friends from school. We moved to London to kick start things and find some gigs back in late 2012 where we found Gareth and Chris to complete the line up.

"We haven't looked back since."

Although based in London the band are finding they're touring more and more – but thoroughly enjoying every moment.

Of their new album – called Paper Heart – Will said: "We've always wanted to make a full album but we had to wait for the time to be right.

"We've been on a steep learning curve since we started and our writing has been improving.

"We had to wait until we had the right songs to showcase what we're all about.

"We feel the time is right. We've been totally blown away with the response from both the public and press. We're pinching ourselves."

And it really is a proud moment for them. Will said: "When we started this journey five years ago, I never anticipated getting this far.

"We hit number 8 in the iTunes rock charts.

"Things like that seem totally ridiculous to me but it just shows that people are listening and the support is growing. That's what I'm most proud of."

Another highlight was working alongside Eric Clapton, Will said: "It was equal parts amazing and terrifying.

"We went from playing pubs to arenas over night and there's nothing you can do to prepare for that. "Having his backing was a huge confidence boost and we'll be forever grateful to him for taking a chance on us.

"He's one of the all time rock legends and learning from him was so valuable to us as a band. Getting to watch him play guitar every night wasn't bad either."

For more information view academymusicgroup.com

World premiere at Blenheim Palace

AWARD-winning composer Max Richter is set to perform a UK summer exclusive Nocturne concert at Blenheim Palace.

Richter, who lives in Oxfordshire, will bring his 22-piece orchestra to the Palace on Friday, June 16.

His performance will include Vivaldi Recomposed, music from nine-time Bafta-nominated film Arrival and world premiere of his new album Three Worlds: Music From Woolf Works.

German-born Richter is best-known for his genre-defining compositions that have featured on over 50 film and TV soundtracks including Martin Scorsese's Shutter Island and Damon Lindelof's first television project post-LOST.

Nocturne director Ciro Romano said: "The opportunity to present a concert incorporating three of Max Richter's projects, including the world premiere of Three Worlds: Music From Woolf Works, was one that we didn't have to think twice about.

"Richter is undeniably at the forefront of the contemporary music world and we are delighted that we'll be able to add him to the prestigious list of composers that have performed at Nocturne since its inception."

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ENTERTAINMENT & LEISURE

Take stairway in tribute

By Samantha McGregor

AWARD winning tribute band Hats Off to Led Zeppelin are gearing up to bring rock 'n' roll to Banbury this month.

Last year Hats Off to Led Zeppelin, who are managed by Warren Garnt whose father was Peter was Led Zeppelin's manager, won the National Tribute Awards.

The band will take to the stage at the Mill Arts Centre, for one night on Saturday, June 24, for an evening of classic Led Zep tunes.

The band is made up of singer Peter Eldridge, Jack Tanner on guitar, Kevin Oliver Jones on bass, keyboards and mandolin, and Toby Drummond on drums.

Joining them for this special show will be Banbury's very own singer songwriter Kathryn Tindall.

Look out for some top Zeppelin tracks such as Stairway to Heaven, Whola Lotta Love, Dazed and Confused and Black Dog.

Having played with Queen, Ray Davies, Edwin Starr, Iron Maiden, Gerry & the Pacemakers, PJ Proby, Shaun Ryder & the Seahorses as well as appearing in a string of London shows including We Will Rock You, Tommy, Thriller LIVE!, Wicked, Dancing in the Streets, Return to the Forbidden Planet and Buddy, the band promise a night to remember.

Their current tour takes the tribute act to venues across the UK and as far as Singapore and Dubai.

The original Led Zeppelin was made up of guitarist Jimmy Page, singer Robert Plant, bassist and keyboards John Paul Jones and drummer John Bonham. They got together in 1968 and eventually disbanded after Bonham died.

Led Zeppelin have sold more than 200 million albums worldwide and were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1995, and the UK music Hall of Fame in 2006.

For tickets call the box office on 01295 279002 or visit hatsofftoledzeppelin.com

Get up close to nature at Wild Fair

PEOPLE across the county are being urged to join one of 60 events that have been organised as part of Oxford Festival of Nature.

On Saturday local wildlife groups will showcase their work at the Wild Fair at the Museum of Natural History.

These include bat and mammal groups, and the urban wildlife group will be alongside Friends of the Earth Oxford and their bee-mapping project. Visitors can also hear from the Museum's experts why beetles and whales are so important for life on earth.

Elsewhere during the fortnight, Shotover Wildlife Group is running events at Shotover, and the Oxfordshire Mammal Group is hosting guided walks at Wytham Woods.

There's fun for all the family at the Spindleberry Dragon in Blackbird Leys, pond-dipping on a night-time safari at Sutton Courtenay Environmental Education centre near Didcot, and wild flower walks on Oxford Meadows.

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Jamie Cullum, Gregory Porter and Corinne Bailey Rae For Nocturne 2017

The organisers of Nocturne, the four-day concert series that takes place at Blenheim Palace in Oxfordshire, have today announced that Jamie Cullum, Gregory Porter and Corinne Bailey Rae will perform at the event on Saturday June 17th.

The trio of award-winning singers, who have sold over 15 million albums between them, will all perform full sets on the night drawing on songs from across their extensive back catalogues.

Whilst Cullum makes his first return to Blenheim Palace since his career-defining, sell-out concert in 2004, Porter, who was awarded the Grammy for Best Vocal Jazz Album at this week's ceremony, returns following his show with Van Morrison at the first Nocturne in 2015 and Bailey Rae will make her debut at the world heritage site fresh off the back of a global tour in 2016.

The Nocturne concert series, which last year featured performances from Elton John, Jack Savoretti, Ennio Morricone and The Corrs, runs from June 15th to 18th and Jamie Cullum, Gregory

Porter and Corinne Bailey Rae join The

Jacksons and Kool & The Gang (Sunday 18th) and award-winning composer Max Richter (Friday 16th) on this year's bill.

Tickets for the Saturday night start at £45 and are on sale at 9am on Thursday February 16th.

The current line-up for Nocturne 2017 is as follows:

Friday June 16th
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Suzuki Vitara S 1.4 Boosterjet

Is this the SUV we've been looking for?

By **Tony Yates**

THE so-called Sports Utility Vehicle (SUV) or Crossover has been selling particularly well for a while now, thanks to buyers looking for a car that can tick all the boxes such as; space, practicability, economy and performance.

So, this week I have the rather good looking Suzuki Vitara S on test and I have to say, it's putting on a pretty good show in convincing me that maybe this is the one we really should all be looking at.

Power and efficiency

The Vitara 'S' is powered by a four-cylinder direct injection turbocharged petrol engine that produces 140ps at 5500rpm and 220Nm of torque between 1500-4000rpm. 0 to 62 mph is dealt with in 10.2 seconds – moving onto a top speed of around124 mph.

The official fuel economy figures from Suzuki are; 52.3 mpg (combined) with a CO2 rating of 127 g/km - although the best I could get was around 44mpg, but then I was not really trying to get near what Suzuki had said was possible.

On the road

I like the way the Vitara handles – but I do feel the suspension needs to be a little stiffer - saying that, when the road gets twisty – it is more than capable of holding it's own thanks to the ALLGRIP 4-wheel drive system which in real terms performs well. You also get a lot of information through the steering as to what the wheels are doing on the surface of the road - which all helps in giving you a lot of confidence into the corners.

If you do decide to take the Vitara onto a muddy field - or a slippery surface – you can be assured it will do its best to move you along at a reasonable pace, whilst keeping you on the straight and narrow.

Design & technology

My test car was fitted with suede seating and red interior accents which lifts even the most boring of interiors – Not that the inside is boring, but you do sense the Vitara was set out to be more practical that luxurious.

Space – well let's just say it has bags of it – along with a decent driving position and plenty of room in the back for three adults - even people who are 6ft plus would have no problem fitting in. The boot is pretty good too with luggage capacity coming in around 710 litres.

Some of the standard features on the Vitara S include; LED daytime running lights, LED projector headlamps, ALLGRIP 4-wheel drive system, adaptive cruise control, DAB digital radio with 6 speakers, USB, Bluetooth and iPod, driver and passenger front, side and curtain airbags, ABS with EBD, Electronic Stability Program, Hill Hold Control and Hill Descent, front & rear parking sensors and rear parking camera.

To sum up

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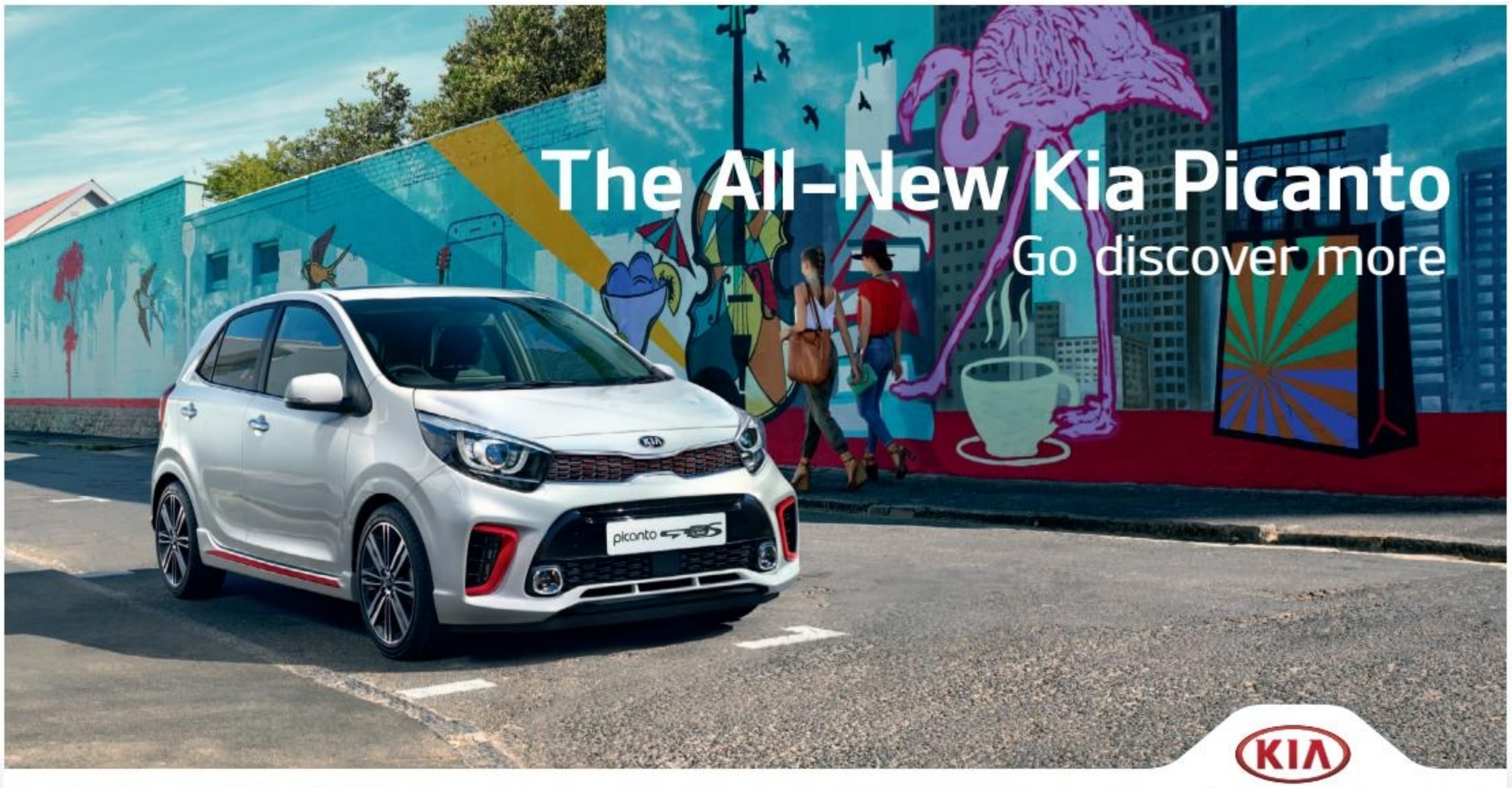

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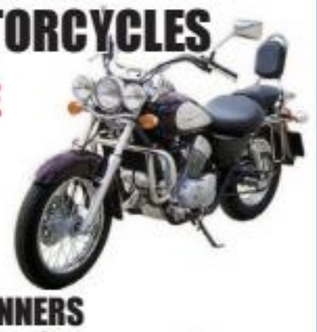

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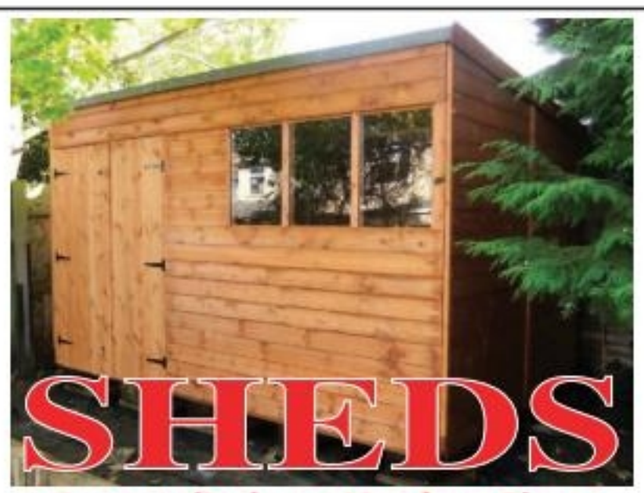

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Massa takes advantage to score points

DESPITE being their weakest track in recent years, Williams managed to score two points from Sunday's Monaco Grand Prix.

Felipe Massa gained five positions during the race to end up ninth, making the most of incidents ahead of him to move up the order.

He was running 12th in the late stages, but took advantage of Stoffel Vandoorne hitting the wall and a collision between Sergio Perez and Daniil Kvyat to get into the points.

"I'm very happy with the result and scoring points," said Massa.

"At the end, I could see Perez trying to pass me on his fresh tyres and I thought 'stay here and just try to get some points', which is exactly what happened.

"My experience as a driver definitely helped me to get points, so I'm very happy."

It was another difficult day for Lance Stroll however, who had to retire with cooling issues six laps from the end.

He was running 15th at the time, having made up two places from his starting position.

Stroll said: "I was driving OK but then we had an issue at the end so we had to stop.

"Unfortunately these things happen, especially at Monaco."

Williams are sixth in the standings with 20 points, all of them coming from Massa, who is ninth in the drivers' table.

Making history in Monaco

Romain Grosjean and Kevin Magnussen navigate the hairpin on the opening lap at Monaco. Picture: Haas F1

By Adam Flinn

FOR the first time in their short Formula One history, Haas managed to get both cars into the points as they finished eighth and 10th at Sunday's Monaco Grand Prix.

In their 27th race since joining the sport at the start of last year, Banbury-based Haas were finally able to secure their first double-points finish, although they may have been hoping for a little bit more.

Romain Grosjean was the car in front as he held eighth position for the majority of the race in what was a relatively trouble-free afternoon for the Frenchman.

He lost a spot to the Mercedes of Lewis Hamilton through the pitstops, but benefited from problems hitting Sergio Perez's Force India.

"It's the first time we've had two cars in the top 10, so that's really good, especially in Monaco," said Grosjean.

"Lewis got some free air and then managed to jump us at the pitstop, but it's great to have the two cars in the points."

He continued: "We managed to stay out of trouble and I drove as fast as I could. There's a lot more we need to analyse and understand, but we're growing as a team."

Kevin Magnussen managed to get one point for his efforts on Sunday, but would have been hoping for a bit more before picking up a puncture.

Magnussen started 11th but moved up to ninth off the start and was running eighth when he made his one scheduled pitstop.

But he was forced back into the pits a few laps later with a puncture, dropping him down to 13th.

It would then take crashes for Stoffel Vandoorne, Daniil Kvyat and Perez in the latter stages for him to salvage a point from the weekend.

Magnussen said: "Personally I had a very disappointing race, but to still finish in the points with both cars is a really good job from the team.

"Even though it's a point, it could have been a lot more and I feel like I've had the most unlucky season of my life.

"It's Monaco and a lot of things can happen. There's no reason to give up, you still push – and that's what I did. I kept pushing."

Haas are eighth in the constructors' championship standings on 14 points, having drawn level with Renault after Sunday's race.

Montreal is the next stop for the Canadian Grand Prix on June 11.

Palmer just a second away from glory

JOLYON Palmer came within 1.3 seconds of scoring his first point of the season after finishing 11th in Sunday's Monaco Grand Prix.

The Englishman, who has had a difficult season for Enstone-based Renault, took advantage of problems for other cars to move up from 16th on the grid.

He was still just shy of getting into the top 10, but overall was pleased with his performance around the streets of the principality.

"I'm happy with the race. The pace was pretty good and there were no mistakes," he said.

"To hustle the car around Monaco for 78 laps was great and the tyres were hanging on, so you could really push the whole way through.

"It's pretty hard to overtake here, so 11th from P16 was it, and just one second away from getting the first point of the year."

There were terminal problems for Nico Hulkenberg early on, as he retired with gearbox failure on lap 15.

Hulkenberg said: "It was pretty sudden. I saw smoke coming out from the back and the team told me to stop the car.

"As a driver it's disappointing but it certainly doesn't detract from our potential."

Renault are seventh in the constructors' championship with 14 points.

Jolyon Palmer was within 1.3 seconds of the top 10 Picture: Renault Sport Formula One Team

Oxon golfer Pepperell in the US Open

ABINGDON golfer Eddie Pepperell will play in the US Open after putting in his best performance in a long time in qualifying.

The Frilford Heath member, who also played at the US Open on the Erin Hills course in 2013, finished tied fifth at Walton Heath to qualify in one of the 15 spots.

Pepperell has only made the cut twice on the 2017 European Tour in a difficult start to the season.

But he can now look forward to rubbing shoulders with the very best in Wisconsin on June 15.

The 26-year-old carded rounds of 67 and 66 to finish 11 under par.

Eddie Pepperell

Frustration for Chapman at Snetterton

MATT Chapman suffered a "frustrating" weekend as mechanical issues severely disrupted his two races.

The 17-year-old GT4 driver's Autoaid/RCIB team suffered from power issues and contact during rounds four and five at Snetterton, finishing 12th in both races.

"We had mechanical issues all weekend, which we were chasing during every session, but full credit to the team as they worked really hard to try and resolve everything," said the Oxford racer.

"It's really frustrating for everyone as we looked strong in the race at Rockingham before the issues."

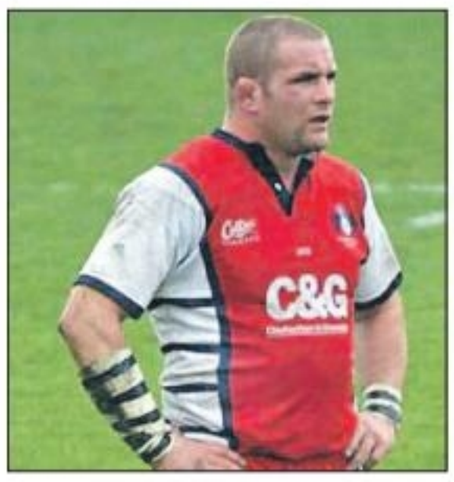
In the opening race on Sunday, Chapman took over from teammate Sam Webster in 13th place and had an epic battle with the Aston Martin of Jan Jonck but had to settle for 12th.

Chapman took the opening stint for race two and found himself back in 14th position before getting into a contest with former British GT4 champion Jake Giddings.

Both Giddings and Chapman profited from three cars tangling and Chapman came out in 12th.

Webster then took over and joined the race in 13th place but contact with another car spun him, causing secondary damage. He continued and gained a place, eventually taking 12th.

Matt Chapman (number 63) in action. Picture: Jakob Ebrey Photography



Vickery set to star at festival

FORMER England rugby union captain Phil Vickery will be the star guest at an international tournament in Witney.

The prop forward has agreed to support the Witney Wolves Special Educational Needs (SEN) International Tag Rugby Festival on Saturday.

The festival, which features 14 teams from all over the UK and Ireland, will launch the Supertagduck logo, which it is hoped will become the global banner for SEN tag rugby worldwide.

Jeremy Bristoe, head coach of Witney Wolves, said: "We are honoured to welcome Phil to Witney and I am sure he will take a keen interest in what we are doing here.

"Every year the tournament grows in stature and I am sure Phil's appearance will help us build our profile still further."

The festival will also mark the launch of a new logo for the Witney Wolves team.

Famous Walt Disney artist Giorgio Cavazzano – who has produced comics starring Mickey Mouse and Donald Duck in a 50-year career – has specially designed both logos.

A total of 370 players supported by more than 400 relatives and friends will attend the festival at Witney Rugby Club in Hailey Road.

It takes place between midday and 5.30pm.

Jones bolsters squad with first two summer signings

By George Welch

OXFORD City boss Mark Jones has bolstered his squad with his first two summer signings.

Striker Justin Bennett and defender Joe Oastler have joined City as Jones, who has been given the manager's job on a permanent basis, tries to strengthen his side at both ends of the pitch.

Bennett has joined from eighth-tier Salisbury after scoring over 40 goals in all competitions for the Whites last season.

The 35-year-old hotshot scored no fewer than 263 goals for Gosport Borough, a Boro' record, and has plenty of experience on the non-league circuit.

Oastler, 26, has joined from Gosport, where he was their captain. He played every minute of their campaign and impressed, despite their relegation to the Southern League.

Oastler's portfolio boasts 114 Football League appearances, playing 113 times in the League Two for Torquay United and once in the Championship for Queen's Park Rangers.

More recently, before his time at Gosport, he spent three years at National League side Aldershot Town.

Jones said the pair's experience is exactly what the Hoops need to improve.

He said: "We are delighted to have signed Joe and Justin.

"Justin has been prolific at this level, particularly at Gosport, scoring over 250 goals for them.

"He is a proven goalscorer and goalscoring is definitely something that we need to improve on in our team from last season."

Jones admitted that Oastler had been on his radar "for a while".

"I saw him play at Aldershot a couple of seasons ago. I have been impressed with him and have been following him.

"He had a good season at Gosport, despite their relegation, playing every game and captained them."

New Oxford City signings Justin Bennett, left, and Joe Oastler

More arrivals are expected at Court Place Farm soon.

Jones said: "We are currently in the process of talking to two more players.

"We are working hard behind the scenes to get the right players signed, and are delighted to get these two over the line.

"We are really looking forward to working with them."

Anderson quits Stars as Division 2 beckons

SIMON Anderson has left his role as Oxford City Stars head coach, the same day it was confirmed the club would compete in the third tier of British ice hockey.

The club said in a statement that Anderson's 'amicable departure' came following the restructuring of the National Ice Hockey League (NIHL).

Anderson, who led his Stars to fourth-placed finishes in each of the last two seasons, said: "It's a sad day for me leaving the Stars family.

"I have enjoyed every second of the last three seasons I have been here.

"I am extremely proud of what the club has achieved during my tenure.

"From a personal position, receiving the NIHL1 coach of the year in the 2015-2016 was a very proud moment and I would like thank every player who pulled on a Stars jersey under me for making everything happen."

Director Russell Shrives paid tribute to the departing coach, describing Anderson as "a pleasure to deal with".

"His professionalism stands out on and off the ice and his club-comes-first attitude has been second to none. We wish him the best of luck."

Anderson's exit was announced the same day Oxford City Stars were saved and accepted into Division Two.

The club were looking forward to a season in the second tier but the agreed two-conference structure was scrapped for one division.

This resulted in three teams, including the Stars, resigning from the new system and left the club in limbo with no league to compete in.

But last week the club announced it had been accepted into NIHL2 for September 2017.

They will be the only representatives of the city, after the Junior Stars were initially accepted into that division. The clubs have joined forces to develop and grow the youth players. Stars will remain the flagship club for supporters and the city.

Shrives said: "I'm so pleased to be able to announce this. We wanted to focus on improving our workings with the junior club in coming years and they have been brilliant to us."

Stars captain Darren Elliott said: "I'm so happy with the outcome. It's all going it will be worthwhile in the long run."

Vice-chair of the Junior Stars, Jayne Harrison, said: "When we heard the Stars had been forced to withdraw from the NIHI1 we were happy to join forces."

Oxford City Stars have to regroup for a new division without their head coach, Simon Anderson (centre)

The Abingdon Vale Swimming Club team. Inset, Lottie James

Coach's joy as swimmers dazzle at championships

A COACH was beaming with pride after more than a dozen swimmers put on their best performances.

Thirteen Abingdon Vale Swimming Club swimmers qualified for the 2017 South East Regional Swimming Championships.

This is where the best swimmers from 75 clubs in the region competed against each other over three weekends.

AVSC won four medals, all thanks to superstar Lottie James who collected three gold and a silver medal round her neck by the end of the championships.

But other Abingdon swimmers also did well, achieving top eight placings and setting new club records.

Amanda Ford, AVSC head coach, said: "More swimmers achieved the accepted qualifying times and made it to event finals than last year. It was a superb team effort, making me extremely proud."

Lottie, 13, confirmed her status as a talented all rounder, qualifying for nine finals and winning four medals.

She said: "It was so exciting to win and I feel very lucky to have such an amazing coach, Amanda, who has encouraged and helped me with my training."

The championships were held over two weekends in April and May.

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Liam Sercombe jinks past the Rovers defence in March Picture: Steve Daniels

Sercombe signs for Bristol Rovers

By George Welch

GOALSCORING midfielder Liam Sercombe has left Oxford United to join SkyBet League One rivals Bristol Rovers.

The midfield maestro's departure is hardly a surprise after he was frozen out of the United squad in the final month of the season for unknown disciplinary reasons.

This left United boss Michael Appleton keen to cash in on the 27-year-old, who scored 22 goals in 101 appearances for the U's following his move from Exeter City two years ago.

The deal for Sercombe is believed to be a six-figure fee of around £150,000.

Sercombe, who scored five goals in 43 games in the 2016/17 season, said he was pleased to have signed for the West Country club.

He told Rovers' official website: "As soon as I knew of Rovers' interest, there was only one place I wanted to go.

"People who know me will also know how much I wanted to come here. I'm very happy and can't wait to get started.

"I want to help this club go forward because in my eyes it's a big club and one that can definitely go places and I want to be part of it."

Scottish side Hibernian, Charlton Athletic, Luton Town and former club Exeter were all linked with the Devon man who opted for Rovers, who finished two places and three placed below the U's.

Gashead boss Darrell Clarke said the midfielder was one of his top summer targets.

He added: "I was interested in signing him a couple of years ago as he is a quality attacking midfielder and I am delighted that he has agreed to join us.

"I'm sure that our supporters will remember him from his time at both Exeter and Oxford and will welcome and appreciate the way he plays the game."

Appleton suggested Sercombe would have struggled to edge out his midfield competition next season.

He said: "With John Lundstram, Joe Rothwell, Ryan Ledson and Josh Ruffels all fighting for a central midfield place we have plenty of competition in that area of the field."

Another player potentially leaving the U's is centre back Chey Dunkley, who, according to chairman Darryl Eales, has rejected a new deal.

The 25-year-old has been with the club since November 2014 after joining from Kidderminster Harriers but could have had his head turned by Championship admirers.

Speaking at the club's annual meeting last week, Eales revealed a new deal had been offered to Dunkley six months ago.

One player to definitely leave the club is left back Joe Skarz, who had his contract terminated by mutual consent yesterday.

The 27-year-old made 107 appearances for the U's after joining from Rotherham United in January 2015.

He said: "There are some fantastic people around the club and there are people I have played with who I know will be friends for life."

The defender enjoyed a positive relationship with head coach Michael Appleton, who brought him to the Kassam Stadium halfway through the 2014/15 campaign.

He said: "If it wasn't for the manager I wouldn't have enjoyed the last two-and-a-half years as much as I have. Our relationship has always been good and we had an honest chat just before Wembley in which we agreed on the future."

Appleton said: "I can't speak highly enough of Joe. He is the ultimate professional and a pleasure to work with."

Carroll puts pen to paper

YOUNGSTER Canice Carroll is determined to repay the faith shown in him by head coach Michael Appleton after penning a three-year deal at his hometown club.

The 18-year-old right back, who has also appeared in midfield, made a big impression in four league appearances during the final month of the season.

The Irish youth international from Oxford said it was a "very easy decision" to extend his deal at the club.

He said: "I have loved my time at the club. The gaffer, coaches and senior players have been fantastic and I want to be part of what is happening at Oxford United.

"I was quickly made to feel part of the first team last season and now it's a case of coming back in pre-season, working hard and listening to the people around me here on how to improve my game.

"I'm a local lad and it means the world to me to hear the fans singing my name and encouraging me.

"I can't wait to get back for the new season now."

Carroll, who has been at the club since he was seven, made seven appearances in all competitions – three of which were league starts.

He made his club debut as a substitute in a 3-0 FA Cup replay win over Macclesfield in December.

The defender hasn't looked back and his determination hasn't gone unnoticed by boss Michael Appleton.

He said: "Canice has so much potential. He is clearly very good player but he also has such enthusiasm and a real winning mentality and we think he has a very bright future.

"He was in and around the first team in the second half of last season and is very much part of our plans, not just for next season but also for the longer term."

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